

Funeral Rites To Be Thursday For Chris McNally, Area Leader

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Smith funeral home for Christie (Chris) L. McNally, 80, longtime Grinnell businessman and former city councilman, who died suddenly this morning in a local hospital. He was being treated for a broken hip suffered in a fall last Thursday.

Survivors

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McNally's Super-Valu will close at noon Thursday and remain closed the rest of the day in honor of C. L. McNally, founder of the store, who died early today. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon.

Birmingham, Mich. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife last July, and two brothers and three sisters.

Born In Wisconsin

Christie McNally was born in a log cabin in Linden, Wis., Sept. 17, 1877.

He was a Spanish American War veteran, enlisting June 13, 1898 at DeKalb, Ill., in the Private Co. M, 3rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

When he caught malaria McNally was left to die in Puerto Rico. He recovered and returned to the States one year later, in March of 1899.

He was married June 3, 1908 in the Grinnell Presbyterian church to Ida A. Bangham.

Establishes Store

Chris McNally had come to Grinnell from Wisconsin in 1901,



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and the following year, he first opened a meat and food store on Main Street. The store prospered and grew under his direction and with the aid of his two sons, Ed and Jim, who had joined him in the business.

In 1947, Chris sold the store to his sons but continued to buy cattle for two more years, retiring in 1949.

Active

Active in community affairs, Chris had held the positions of councilman from the second ward, chairman of Soldiers Relief and memberships in the Knights of Pythias, and the VFW.

Dr. G. S. Bruland of the Grinnell Methodist church will officiate at the funeral. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

for 50 years a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On June 3, 1908, he was married to Ida A. Bangham in the Presbyterian church in Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his wife last July, and by two brothers and three sisters at earlier dates. Mr. McNally is survived by two sons, James and Edward of Grinnell; two daughters, Mary of Ames, Iowa, and Helen (Mrs. Wendell) Butler of Birmingham, Michigan; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five nieces and a host of friends. On Thursday, Dec. 19, Mr. McNally suffered a broken hip as a result of a fall on the ice in the driveway of his home. He departed this life at six o'clock Monday morning, December 23.

Services for Mr. McNally were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday (today) at the Smith Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland of the Methodist church officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Kathleen Heefner and Mrs. Wayne Denny. Pallbearers were Vic Bailey, Carl Child, Harry Crowder, Fred Ramsey, J. O. Ryan, and Rolla Whitaker. Honorary pallbearers were George Beeler, A. M. Barr, A. R. Longnecker, Virgil Jones and L. W. Brock. Flower bearer was Mrs. Fred Ramsey. Graveside services were conducted by the VFW in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.