

Walter J. Neely Dies Suddenly Sunday Aged 81 Years

Walter Jerome Neely, member of a pioneer Grinnell family, passed away suddenly at 2:30 a. m. Sunday at his home, 1130 Summer street, where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ranier, at the age of 81 years, 6 months and 2 days.

Mr. Neely was born east of Grinnell, Oct. 24 1871, the son of James Earl and Lydia A. Wire Neely. He made his home here during his entire life time. He was survived by three children, Mrs. Ruth Ranier of Grinnell, Mrs. Mabel Raver of Ames and Robert Neely of Orlando, Fla., and three grandchildren, Duane Raver, Jr., and Richard and Keith Neely.

Mr. Neely served as captain of Company K, Iowa National Guard. He was a fifty year Mason and a member of the Methodist church.

For many years he held a government position as superintendent of the United States mail in the Grinnell postoffice.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at 2 p.m. Tuesday in charge of Rev. W. F. Overhulser. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. Esther Auman. Pall bearers will be Ross Counts, Russell George, Ray George, Leonard Newton, Emery Alexander and Howard Dimit. F. W. Tomasek will conduct Masonic services at the grave in Hazelwood cemetery. Lodge will open at 1:30 p. m. at Masonic Temple. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral home until Tuesday noon.

Any desiring to give a Methodist church memorial gift in honor of Mr. Neely may secure the envelopes at the Methodist church office.

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Walter Jerome Neely

Walter Jerome Neely, son of Lydia Wire Neely and James Earl Neely, was born Oct. 24, 1871 on a farm three miles east of Grinnell and died of a heart attack at his home, 1130 Summer street, on April 26, 1953.

His boyhood was spent on the farm. He received his education in Grinnell high school and the college academy, graduating from CCCC Business college in Des Moines.

He took an active part in military affairs and was captain of Company K, National Guard, for a number of years.

He united with the Grinnell Methodist church in 1895 and has been a continuous member here for 58 years.

He was married on Feb. 5, 1896 to Kate Dortell, who preceded him in death on August 20, 1941. To this union were born three children.

In 1933 he retired from the Grinnell post office after 35 years of service as clerk and superintendent of mails.

In 1950 he received his 50 year certificate as member of Hermon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., in a ceremony in his honor in which his son and two sons in law took part.

He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Ruth Ranier of Grinnell, Mabel Raver of Ames and his son Capt. Robert W. Neely, USAF, of Orlando Fla., and three grandchildren, Duane Raver, Jr., and Richard and Keith Neely.