

Monday, October 12, 1964

Funeral Services Held Today For Sam Neff, 64

Sam Neff, 64, of 916 Sixth Ave., well-known Grinnell businessman, died late Thursday at Veterans hospital in Iowa City. He had been ill the last six months. 14-8

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester E. Custer, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Rhee Auman.

Pallbearers were James DeLong, Gene McCurry, Earl Mitchell, Waldo Paul, Austin Smith, and Bud Werneberg. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Mitchell, Omar Olson, Harry Ritter, Ed Speth, Leo Wright and Raymond Playle. Flag presentation was made by Focht-Tennant Post, No. 53, Grinnell American Legion.

Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

He was the son of Charles and Vada Neff and was born May 22, 1900, on a farm near Hedrick, Iowa. He received his early education in the rural schools near the family farm.

In 1933, he moved to Grinnell and for the past 25 years had worked with Frank Mitchell as a car salesman.

On Nov. 21, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army, and was attached to Co. E, 124th Armored Engineer Battalion at Camp Beale, Calif. He was discharged on April 6, 1943, and worked in a defense plant at Vallejo, Calif. After the war he returned to Grinnell where he made his home and to his former employment with Mitchell Motors.

He was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion, the B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1266, and the Eagles Lodge, all of Grinnell.

Survivors include five sisters and one brother: Mrs. Lulu Bennett, Mrs. Mildred Cossna, Miss Mary Neff and Mrs. Ailee Priest, all of Grinnell; Mrs. C. G. (Harslett) Rinden of Marshalltown, and Eugene Neff of Cedar Rapids. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Frank Neff; and one sister, Lois Neff, in infancy.