

John George Nichols, 58; Last Rites Held for Was Foundry Supt.

Former superintendent of the Lennox foundry here, George Nichols of 1433 Elm street passed away at a local hospital early Friday afternoon.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Colfax, conducted by the Rev. W. F. Overhulser of the Grinnell Methodist church. Organ selections were by Mrs. S. E. Tennant of Colfax.

Pallbearers were Charles Lindhorst, Dolph Miller, Leonard Newton, Robert Osborn, James Parks and Wayne Stroup. In charge of flowers were Mrs. Charles Lindhorst, Mrs. Dolph Miller, Mrs. Leonard Newton and Mr. and Mrs. George Rinkler. Burial was in Colfax.

Nichols' death was due to pleurisy and pneumonia after he had appeared on the road to recovery from a heart attack and surgery. Hospitalized at Jackson, Ohio, for three weeks following the heart attack June 26, the Grinnell man was flown to his home here and was able to be up part of the time until recently.

Born in Sunderland, England, Jan. 3, 1895, John George Nichols was the son of John Nichols and Charlotte Mason. He came to this country at the age of 16 with a sister and located at Colfax, Iowa, where he was a hoisting engineer in the coal mines until 1924. On Dec. 9, 1913, he was married to Jennie Beckram at Newton.

Nichols left Colfax to serve as superintendent of the Newton Foundry company for 17 years. He then acted in a similar capacity for the Queen Stove Co., at Albert Lea, Minn., leaving there to join the Lennox Company and take charge of the local foundry when it opened in 1946. He has continued with that firm in various capacities since the branch here was closed in 1950.

Surviving are Mrs. Nichols; two children, a son Leland Nichols of Newton, Maytag company executive, and a daughter, Mrs. Arvin (Karlene) Hoogenakker of Pella, also two grandchildren. A son, Ronald preceded him in death in 1944.