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Thursday, June 22, 1961

## James Reavis Funeral Rites Held Today

James T. Reavis, 86, Grinnell, died early Tuesday morning at a local hospital. He had been ill for the last two years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Pohlenz, pastor of the First Friends church, officiating. Vocal music was provided by Mrs. Mary Lou Mikel and Mrs. Ruth Dunnick, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner at the organ.

Palibearers were Harvey Mikel, Sr., Dennis Lammert, Burson Farmer, George German, Otto Fistler, and Arthur McDowell. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

He was born Aug. 28th, 1874, in Jadkin county, N. C., the son of James Washington and Katherine Comer Reavis, one of a family of 10 children. At the age of five years, his family moved to Iowa and settled in the Bluepoint neighborhood. When he was 28 he moved to Grinnell where he resided and worked as a carpenter.

Mr. Reavis received his education in the rural school at Bluepoint and at Montezuma high school.

On Apr. 21st, 1909, at University Park, Iowa, he was united in marriage with Mary Wiesmiller by the Rev. Lorrina Terrill. To this union were born two children, Mrs. Floyd (Edith) Taylor of Bargserville, Ind., and H. LaVerne Reavis of Grinnell.

In addition to his two children, Mr. Reavis is survived by his wife Mary at home, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and three sisters.

He was a member of the First Friends church.