

Monday, March 25, 1963

Raymond Rivers Dies Suddenly Friday Evening

Raymond Rivers, 59, of Grinnell died suddenly late Friday evening. He was bowling with some friends when he suffered the fatal attack.

Services were held this afternoon (Monday) at the Congregational church with the Rev. Robert Dewey, pastor, officiating. Organ music was by Norman Goodbrod. Rita Werneburg and Phyllis Marchant were in charge of flowers.

Pallbearers were Bill Werneburg, Melvin Wiebold, Tom Garbison, Floyd Galbraith, Sam Neff, and Don Dimit. Interment was in Stewart cemetery northwest of New Sharon, with graveside rites conducted by the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

The son of Robert and Orilla Mitchell Rivers, he was born near Searsboro on Nov. 24th, 1903. The family moved to Grinnell when he was small and he attended the Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell high school. While in high school he excelled in athletics and held several track records. He attended Grinnell College for one year.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Army, serving in the Signal Corps as a message center clerk. Mr. Rivers had been employed for the last several years at Grinnell College. He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

In 1948, at Waukegan, Ill., he was married to Clarice Guyer Pierce. He is survived by his wife, Clarice; seven step children: Charles Pierce, Mrs. Joe L. Brown, Mrs. Richard Crawford, Robert Pierce, Mrs. Kenneth Paul and Mrs. Jerry Allen, all of Grinnell, and Mrs. William Stevenson of Kellogg. Also surviving are 22 step grandchildren and several cousins.

Mr. Rivers was preceded in death by his parents and two half-sisters.