

May 27, 1938.  
**FUNERAL OF**  
**R. C. ROSS ON**  
**FRIDAY, 2 P. M.**

**Pioneer Business Man  
 Died Wednesday At  
 Age of 93 Years.**

Funeral services for R. C. Ross, pioneer Grinnell business man, will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his son, George R. Ross, at 817 Seventh avenue, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. Pallbearers will be J. L. Fellows, S. J. Pooley, Paul Meyers, V. G. Preston, Ross V. Coutts and A. M. Burton. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mr. Ross passed quietly away about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. He had been in a coma since Saturday, when he suffered a stroke. Prior to that time his health had been exceptionally good for a man of his advanced age. He had passed his ninety-third birthday April 2.

Many details regarding Mr. Ross' life appeared in The Herald-Register of April 11, when a special story appeared in honor of his birthday anniversary. Little can be said in addition to what was given at that time.

He was born in Marion, Pa., but left home at the age of 15 and was "on his own" from then on. He was news agent on trains in the south and in that capacity met many of the notable men of Civil War days. He made several attempts to enlist in the Union army but was rejected on account of his size.

After the war he operated a general store at Bellevue, Iowa, near Clinton, where he met Nettie B. Keister, to whom he was married in 1877. Mrs. Ross died in 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Ross was born one son, George R. Ross, in whose home Mr. Ross has been tenderly cared for during his declining years. He is also survived by two brothers, John T. Ross of Salem, Oregon and G. M. Ross of Audubon.

Mr. Ross' connection with Grinnell dates back to about 1880, when he opened a hat store where the McNally Meat Market is now located. He is better remembered, however, as a shoe merchant, having operated a shoe store for many years in the location where Dave Arnold still continues in that business. Following his retirement many years ago, he traveled extensively in Central America and Mexico, and many of his interesting travel letters appeared in Grinnell papers.

As increasing age has come upon him he has been less active but he has always been loved and honored among his friends. He has been a living illustration of growing old gracefully and his friends today rejoice in his rich and completed life.

*He Walks Beside The Still Waters*



R. C. ROSS.

The above picture of R. C. Ross, pioneer business man of Grinnell, appeared in The Herald-Register only a few weeks ago in connection with the observance of his ninety-third birthday. With sad hearts the editors are re-printing it again today. Mr. Ross died Wednesday morning.

*Died May 25,  
 1938.*