

OBITUARY

WILLIAM O. RYAN

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William O. Ryan, son of John and Abigail Ryan, was born on a farm in the Rector community, near Chelsea on April 9, 1866 and passed away at a Grinnell hospital on March 13, 1956, after being bedfast for four years, at the age of 89 years, 11 months and 3 days.

On October 22, 1890 he was united in marriage to Hattie Brush at Toledo, Iowa.

To this union six children were born, five of whom survive. They are Jay of Grinnell, Willis and Homer of Brooklyn, John of Belle Plaine and Mrs. Ross (Florence) Spading of Malcom. He was preceded in death by his wife who passed away Sept. 29, 1937 and daughter Mary, Mrs. Horace Cory on Oct. 24, 1954. Also four brothers James, Albert, Frank and Arthur and two sisters, Mrs. Mae Shaw and Mrs. Nellie Jensen.

Besides his children, he leaves nineteen grandchildren and forty great grandchildren, all of whom were his pride and joy. He is survived also by one sister, Mrs. Godfrey Veit of Hartwick and one brother, Orie Ryan of Malcom.

Mr. Ryan, a lifelong farmer of Poweshick County was always very interested in his work. He took sincere interest in his community and his neighbors and in times of sickness was among the first to lend a hand.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the Bramer Funeral Home in Brooklyn with the Rev. Mr. Shupe of the Brooklyn Methodist church in charge of services.

Pallbearers were six grandsons: Harry Ryan, Warren Ryan, Arnold Cory, Donald Cory, Willis Ryan Jr. and Robert Ryan.

Two granddaughters, Mrs. Henry Walton and Mrs. Kenneth Halstead and a niece Mrs. Leffert McIlrath were in charge of the flowers.

Interment was in the Rector cemetery.