

H-R October 31, 1983  
Willis Ryan

## services held

Willis Ryan, 88, of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, died Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Veterans Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Brooklyn United Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Lynn Williams officiating. Organist was Nina Bartachek, and pallbearers were Warren Ryan, Robert Ryan, Tom Ryan, G.J. Manatt, Merlin Manatt, Gene Manatt and Raymond Ryan.

Burial was at the Rector Cemetery near Chelsea, with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post No. 294. The Nevenhoven Funeral Home of Brooklyn was in charge of arrangements.

The son of William Oliver and Hattie Bush Ryan, he was born Sept. 9, 1895, near Chelsea. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1917 to 1919.

On Feb. 14, 1923, he was married to Gwendolyn Manatt near Brooklyn. They were separated in 1925. He was married to Alatheia Hoffman in November 1926. They were later separated, and he remarried Gwendolyn Manatt in 1932 at Galena, Ill.

Mr. Ryan was a retired farmer, federal meat inspector and mechanic at Manatt's of Brooklyn. He had also served as night marshall for Brooklyn. He had lived in Brooklyn, Chelsea, Grinnell and Des Moines, returning to Grinnell in 1964 and living at 1220 Sixth Ave. until August of last year when he became a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home.

He was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn; one son, Willis C. Ryan of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters, Harriet McGregor of Cedar Rapids and Sharon Ryan of Circleville, Ohio; two brothers, Homer Ryan of Brooklyn and John Ryan of Belle Plaine; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.