

Thursday, May 14, 1964

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Raymond Richard Saunders
(Contributed)

Raymond R. Saunders, age 60, of 206 N. 3rd Ave., Marshalltown, and formerly of Grinnell, passed away Saturday afternoon, May 9, at University Hospitals, Iowa City, following an illness of several weeks.

He was born Jan. 17th, 1904, in Poweshiek county, the son of Irvin S. Saunders and Zona M. Beason, one of a large family. He attended the schools of Searsboro and later, on Nov. 1, 1923, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, was united in marriage with Harriett Leone Taylor.

To this union were born two daughters and five sons: Mrs. Gerald (Addie) Sampson of Grinnell; Charles Irvin Saunders of West Orange, Tex.; Richard Eugene and Kenneth Leland Saunders of Grinnell; Raymond Addison and Dale LeRoy Saunders of Newton; and Miss Kay Leone Saunders of Marshalltown.

In addition to his two daughters and five sons, Mr. Saunders is survived by his wife at the home in Marshalltown; 17 grandchildren; and one brother and one sister, Irvin Saunders of New Sharon and Mrs. Mary Turner of Salem, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1927; his mother in 1931; a brother, Carrol A. Saunders in 1917; and several other brothers and sisters.

Mr. Saunders was employed by the water department of the City of Marshalltown, where he had lived for the past 12 years. Previously, he had been superintendent of the Grinnell Water Department for 20 years. The family had lived in Grinnell for 22 years after moving from Searsboro.

He had been a member of the Iowa Firemen's Association, and the Grinnell Fire Department where he had served as President and Assistant Chief. He was a member of the Marshalltown Methodist church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13th, from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Wasta, pastor of the Beaman Methodist church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Heffner and vocalist was Mrs. Noel Taylor. Flower bearers were Mrs. Francis Arment and Mrs. Harold Ralf.

Casket bearers were Perry Wilson, Francis Arment, Fred Krough, Charles Thomas, Dale Johnson and Clarence Foster. Honorary bearers were Bill Osborn, M. F. Zimmerman, Homer Lowery, Ray Gaylor, A. D. Carter, W. B. Huber and Roy Hoops. Burial was in Lower Blue Point cemetery south of Grinnell.