

H-R May 4, 1981
Mr. Simmons rites Tuesday

Ralph E. Simmons, 83, of Marshalltown died Saturday morning, May 2, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, where he had lived for the past three years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial at the Westfield Cemetery southwest of Grinnell. Friends may call the funeral home for additional information.

The son of William H. and Mary E. Foster Simmons, he was born April 2, 1898, in Poweshiek County. He attended school in Grinnell. During World War I, he served with the U.S. Army.

On Feb. 11, 1920, he was married to Lottie Brownlie at Marengo. Mr. Simmons worked as a mechanic for the Grinnell Implement Co. and also worked at the former Swift & Co. in Grinnell. The family lived at Ellston and Bonaparte and farmed in Ringgold County for 20 years. Mr. Simmons was a member of the Ringgold American Legion Post No. 172 at Mount Ayr.

He is survived by his children, Alliene Ibbotson of

Plymouth, Mary Jean Harvey of Elgin, Ill., Donald W. Simmons of Ridgeway, Mo., and Louise Kilby of Caldwell, Idaho; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a half sister, Margaret Morrison of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one step-brother, Leonard W. Simmons; and a half sister, Huldah Peters.