

*H R February 25, 1980*  
**Rites held for Earl Skeels**

Earl J. Skeels, 84, of 1013 Pearl St., Grinnell, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Veterans Hospital in Iowa City.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. James P. Russell of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The son of James and Ida Case Skeels, he was born March 18, 1895, in Grinnell. He attended school here and was a

graduate of Grinnell High School.

During World War I, he served with the U.S. Army in France.

He was married to Lillie Hansen on July 5, 1917, in Grinnell. Mr. Skeels owned and operated a blacksmith shop and was also employed by Grinnell College for 15 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Berniece Skeels of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two brothers and one sister.