

H-R October 6, 1977
Dwight Sparks rites Friday

Dwight Alvin Sparks, 73, of Lynnville died Tuesday evening at Grinnell General Hospital. *10-4*

Funeral services for Mr. Sparks will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Lynnville Friends Church, with the Rev. Ernest Thompson and the Rev. Al Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville, with the Hardin Funeral Home of New Sharon in charge of arrangements.

The son of William P. and Hester Shaffer Sparks, he was born Jan. 1, 1904, in Lynnville. He was married to Merle Keener on Feb. 14, 1928, in Marshalltown.

Mr. Sparks worked for 41 years as a land surveyor for the Iowa Highway Commission.

Survivors include his wife, Merle; three children, Mrs. Richard (Frances) Thomas of Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Robert (Marilyn) Burnham of Grinnell, and Dwight R. Sparks of Manassas, Va.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Marion (Neta) Pothoven of Oskaloosa; Mrs. Joe (Madeline) Bards of Lynnville, and Mrs. Colleen Needham of Lynnville. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and three sisters.

H-R October 20, 1977
D.A. Sparks rites held Oct. 4

Dwight A. Sparks of Lynnville died Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Grinnell General Hospital. Funeral services were held Oct. 7 at the Lynnville Friends Church, with the Rev. Ernest Thompson and the Rev. Al Johnson officiating.

The son of William and Hester Chaffer Sparks, he was born on Jan. 1, 1904, in Lynnville. He was one of a family of eight children. His marriage to Merle Keener was in Marshalltown in 1928. The couple had three children, Dwight Roger, Marilyn and Francis.

In 1927, he started working for the Iowa Highway Commission. He started as a road-

man and advanced to land surveyor, which position he held until his retirement in 1968. Sparks also served in the Sea-Bees of the U.S. Navy in 1943. He spent three years in the service, most of which he spent in overseas duty.

After his 1968 retirement from the highway commission, he spent time with hobbies such as clock repair and ham radio operation.

He is survived by his wife, Merle; his three children; and three sisters, Neta Pothoven of Oskaloosa, and Madeline Baards and Colene Needham, both of Lynnville.