

John L. Spooner 12-5-1933 6-4 Passes Away

John L. Spooner, son of Luke P. Spooner and Nettie Davison Spooner, was born Jan. 6, 1885, in the Maple Grove community, south of Grinnell, Ia. His father was born in Wayne county, Ia., and his mother in Canton, Ill.

In 1901 his parents moved to a farm near Grinnell. During the year 1903 he was a rural mail carrier.

John Spooner was united in marriage to Hattie Mae Pilgrim Dec. 12, 1906. One daughter, Hazel, was born to this union.

The family made their home at Riceville, Ia., from 1913 to 1918, when they moved back to a farm near Grinnell. From 1920 to 1926 they lived on a farm in the Beulah community east of Montezuma. They have resided in Barnes City since with the exception of fourteen months when they lived in Ewart, Ia., where Mr. Spooner was manager of the Fullerton Lumber Yard.

John L. Spooner departed this life Nov. 26, 1933, after an illness of three days. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and daughter, two sisters, Mrs. Julia Holden of Riceville, Ia., and Mrs. M. S. Smith of Grinnell, and one brother, L. W. Spooner of Grinnell, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the home in Barnes City at one o'clock, Nov. 29, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hebron of the Methodist church. He spoke of Mr. Spooner as a "builder"—a builder of character because he was always doing something for the good of the young people, a builder of the community, a builder socially, and lastly, a builder of a happy home.

Mrs. Howard Darland, Mrs. Fred Graham, Mr. Cherry Lester and Mr. Paul Rempp sang three songs, "Going Down the Valley," "The Old Rugged Cross," "A Good Night Here and A Good Morning Up There."

The pallbearers were George Fisher, Homer Musser, Fred Graham, C. W. Taylor, Clarence Hicks and Harold Sanders.

Mr. Spooner was Worshipful Master of Tennyson Lodge, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Stars, and was greatly interested in all Masonic Lodge work. The Masons and Stars attended the funeral in a body and also the Boy Scouts, as Mr. Spooner was one of the three sponsors of that organization. He was an active member of the school board. For the past seven years he has been manager of the Fullerton Lumber Yard and was held in high esteem as a valuable friend and employee of the Fullerton Company.

Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery at Grinnell, with the Masons conducting services at the grave.