Clarence Strovers Dies Tuesday At Home In Florida

Clarence E. Strovers, 68, of St Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Grinnell, died at his home in St. Petersburg Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Newell E. Davis, pastor of the United Church of Christ, Congregational, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Pallbearers will be Leo Strovers, Lester Strovers, Mack Strovers, Clifford Strovers, Lyle Buttrey, and Lloyd Buttrey. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery with American Legion graveside rites conducted by W. K. Richardson, commander of the ceremonial unit, and members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53.

He was born Aug. 31, 1898, south of Kellogg, the son of Garrett John and Lucretia Melton Strovers. He attended the rural schools near Kellogg and during World War I enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on the U.S.S. Kansas, escorting convoys to France.

Following his discharge he returned home and on Dec. 3, 1921, was married to Beulah VanZanty of Lynnville. Two sons were born to this union: Paul of Grinnell and Ed of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The first years of their married life were spent in Lynnville and in 1930 they moved to Grinnell where he was employed as a mail messenger. In 1952 he retired and they moved to Florida to make their home.

Mr. Strovers was a member of the American Legion, the Forty & Eight, and World War I Barracks organizations.

In addition to his two sons, he is survived by his widow Beulah, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; three brothers, Harry of Indianola, Milton of Newton, and Frank of Grinnell; and one sister, Mrs. Nellie Buttrey of Indianola.

Also surviving are five sisters-in-law — Mrs. Doris Brooks of Newton, Mrs. Flora Strovers of Great Ben, Kan., Mrs. Evelyn Lohrer of Iowa City, Mrs. Berta Storvers of Stanley, Wis., and Mrs. Alice Strovers of Kellogg.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers — John, Charlie, and Lester.