

Dick Thackeray Is Buried Here

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Funeral Services For Former Grinnell Man Are Held Thursday Afternoon

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Mr. Thackeray Passed Away Tuesday Noon in Cedar Rapids; Dr. Vittum Conducted Services

Richard F. Thackeray, but everyone in Grinnell knew him as "Dick", passed away Tuesday noon in Cedar Rapids, where he and Mrs. Thackeray had made their home since Dick suffered a stroke which forced him to give up his work as custodian at the city's sewage disposal plant. He had lived many years in Grinnell and is well remembered as a hale, hearty and industrious man who numbered his friends by the hundred in this community.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Snyder Funeral Parlor conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum. Pall bearers were Harry Case, Carl Peters, Frank Von Draska, Lon Lisk, C. M. Manly, and Mayor W. J. Nelson. Interment was in Hazelwood.

Following is the obituary which was read by Rev. E. M. Vittum:

If I were called to preach a regular sermon at this time, I would take for my text the injunction we find both in the Old and the New

was Abraham Lincoln who said "God must like the Common people because he made so many of them." Richard D. Thackeray, the brother who has just left us, was one of those whom Abraham Lincoln said God loves. He has been a faithful worker, and he has worked for us. His work for a series of years was connected with the immediate comfort and health of the city. He worked for us, his fellow citizens, and did his work faithfully. Richard D. Thackeray was born in Canada in 1863. In 1901 he was united in marriage with Lillian Hertser, who survives him.

He was a member of the firm of Howard & Thackeray, Dray and Baggage, and later entered the employ of the city. He was highly esteemed as a real man in his circle of friends. During the last few years he has been afflicted with a paralysis which has taken from him his use of his muscles so that even speech was impossible. He has been cared for, faithfully by his wife, but life to him was a burden, and he was glad to go. When this affliction came upon him the world lost a real man.