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Rites held for Mr. Thompson

Claude Thompson, 94, of the Mayflower Home died Monday, March 26, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Music was provided by Marlene Toney, organist; Lorna Lang, pianist; and Roger Kendall and Laura Thompson, vocalists.

Pallbearers were Bradley Brammer, Dan Carroll, Tom Hotchkin, Dale Peak, Raymond Peak and Craig Thompson. Honorary bearers were Doug Callison, Kenneth Goreham, Larry Jones, Richard MacKenzie, Gary Miller and Laverne Thompson.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials in Mr. Thompson's name may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church or to the Mayflower Home.

The son of George W. and Clara E. Pruitt Thompson, he was born April 4, 1888, at Brodhead, Ky. He attended the Berea College Grammar School and later attended high school at Mt. Vernon and Princeton, Ky. He was a

graduate of the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Thompson moved to Iowa in 1916 and served with the U.S. Army during World War I. On March 24, 1920, he was married to Marie Edna Horak in Grinnell, and the couple farmed in the Brooklyn, Marshalltown, Grinnell and Toledo areas.

Mr. Thompson was employed as a road-maintainer operator in Chester Township in the early 1930s and returned to farming in 1935. The family moved to Grinnell in 1952 where he operated a tool-sharpening business at his home for 18 years.

He was the oldest charter member of the Grinnell Christian Church and was elder emeritus of the church. He was also a member of the Newburg American Legion and the Sonora Grange.

Survivors include his children, Mildred Goreham of Junction City, Kan., and Eleanor Miller, Dorothy Peak and Donald Thompson of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Horace V. Thompson of Florence, Ky., and Roy D. Thompson of Crawfordsville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife; three brothers, Ben, Bill and Egbert Thompson; and his sister, Leora May Long.

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