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Irven Thompson
Services Pending

Irven (Shorty) Thompson, 72, of 1315 Park St., died early Thursday morning at Grinnell General Hospital. He had been in failing health the past year.

The son of Henry and Sarah Ann Watney Thompson, he was born Oct. 12, 1898, on a farm near Roland, Iowa. He attended the Roland schools and was graduated from Roland High School with the class of 1918.

During World War I, he was a member of the S.A.T.C. unit of the Army attached to Grinnell College. Following the war, Mr. Thompson farmed near Roland. He was married to Ora Hovland at the Salem Lutheran church in Roland on July 20, 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson made their home in Roland, Story City, and St. Ansgar, Iowa, as well as Seattle, Wash., before coming to Grinnell in 1951.

In Grinnell, Mr. Thompson was associated with the Sanitary Barber Shop for 15 years. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of St. John's Lutheran church here.

He is survived by his wife Ora; two brothers, Cyrus Thompson of Roland and Milton Thompson of Story City; one sister, Mrs. Amanda Severson of Long Beach, Calif.; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Elliott Thompson, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Quam.

Services for Mr. Thompson will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Marcus Reitz, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Marvin Nothnagel, and pallbearers will include John, Mark and Mike Strum, and John, Dave and Bill Smith.

Services also will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Salem Lutheran church in Roland, with the Rev. Olaf Holen of Ames officiating. Burial will be in Roland cemetery.