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Mr. Van Metre services held 1983

Earl T. Van Metre, 82, of Grinnell died Friday afternoon, Nov. 25, at the health care center of the Mayflower Home here.

Services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Clemons United Church of Christ at Clemons, Iowa, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational officiating. Burial was at the Clemons Cemetery.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday morning in Denison Chapel of the Mayflower Home.

The son of Fred and Mary Teagar Van Metre, he was born on April 17, 1901, near Clemons. He graduated from Clemons High School in 1919. He was employed by the Iowa State Bank of Marshalltown for four years and by the Bank of Clemons for seven years. He was appointed postmaster at Clemons in 1932 and held that position for 37 years, retiring in 1969. Mr. Van Metre also operated the Van Metre Insurance Agency and the Farmers Income Tax Service at Clemons.

He was married to Marie Cassidy at Marshalltown on Dec. 31, 1925. They lived in Clemons until moving to the Mayflower Home in 1980.

Mr. Van Metre was a member and deacon emeritus of the Clemons United Church of Christ and an associate member of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational. He was also a member of the Accountants Association

of Iowa, the Clemons Community Club, and had represented the Farmers Insurance Group.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons, Dean Van Metre of Hayward, Calif., and Marvin Van Metre of Springfield, Ill.; one daughter Dolores Dolley of Sacramento, Calif.; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; a brother, Wilbur Van Metre of Green Lake, Wis.; and a sister, Matie Belle Smith of Grinnell.