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Monday, March 11, 1968

Memorial Services To Be Held Tuesday For E. J. Van Riper

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell for Earl James Van Riper, 70, who died Saturday, March 9, in Oxnard, Calif.

The Rev. Newell Davis will officiate at the services, assisted by the Rev. Ralph J. Beebe. Mrs. Willard Heffner will be organist.

Graveside services and burial were held at 3 p.m. today (Monday) at Lincoln cemetery near Clear Lake with the Rev. Davis in charge.

Honorary pallbearers from Grinnell were Verner Bolen, Leonard Evans, W. G. Greenwald, Robert Hamilton, Willard Heffner, and C. M. Pilgrim.

Mr. Van Riper was born in Franklin County, Iowa, on April 29, 1897, the son of James Nelson and Lillian Angela Woodley Van Riper.

On May 29 he married Estella Evelyn Raffety, daughter of Edgar Elon and Katherine Matilda Rowley Raffety, at the home of the bride's parents at Hanlontown, Iowa. They farmed near Hanlontown and then moved to Grinnell in 1924 where they have resided since.

Mr. Van Riper was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell for 45 years.

Survivors include his widow; four children—Donald of Oxnard, Calif.; Mrs. Rowland (Mary) Russell of Edmonds, Wash.; Mrs. Bruce (Olive) Bolen of Tama, and Mrs. John (Sally) Cook of Eugene, Ore.; 14 grandchildren; five sisters; and one brother.

Mrs. Van Riper and the children will receive friends at a coffee immediately following the memorial services in Friendship Hall at the United Church of Christ.

The family requests no flowers. A memorial has been established.

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