Monday, September 12, 1966

Rites Here For James A. Watson, Former Resident

James A. Watson, 82, of Duluth, Minn., a former area resident and brother of two Grinnell women, died Sunday morning at Duluth following an extended illness.

Requiem Low Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church here with the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich, pastor, officiating. Pallbearers will be Pierce Comerford, Leo P. Donohoe, W. A. Flanagan, Leo Devereux, John Hotchkin and Clifford Streck.

The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home and burial will be in the Calvary section of Hazelwood cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home.

He was the son of Samuel and Bridget Farrell Watson and was born in Tivoli, N.Y., on July 26th, 1884. When he was a young boy his family moved to a farm near Ewart and he attended the rural schools near his home. He also attended Grinnell Academy and Monmouth College.

On June 16th, 1908, he was united in marriage with Martha Hofenagle in Chicago, Ill. After their marriage they farmed in the Ewart neighborhood and later moved to a farm near Farmington, Minn.

After farming a few years he held a position with the Moorhead Weighing and Inspection Bureau in St. Paul. Minn., and served as manager of the firm in Duluth, Minn., until his retirement.

Mr. Watson was a member of Holy Cross Catholic' church in Riverside, Minn., a suburb of Duluth, and had been a member of Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife. Martha, in September of 1950; a sister. Mrs. Jerry (Ellarena) Sheehy; and four brothers, William and Thomas Watson and two in infancy.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Emily) Agnew and Miss Elizabeth Watson, both of Grinnell; two brothers, Harry O. Watson of Sioux City and Clermont C. Watson of Sarasota. Fla.; and three nieces and five nephews.