

JOSEPH E. WATTERS
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SINCERELY MOURNED
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Honest and Upright Man Passes Away
at the Age of Nearly 51
Years.

Joseph Ernest Watters, eldest son of Lewis K. and Katherine J. Watters, was born in Leigh, Neb., Sept. 7, 1875, and departed this life at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, May 16, 1926. When a lad he joined the Methodist Episcopal church but did not transfer his membership when the family moved from Nebraska to Chester Center, Iowa, in 1893.

On July 29, 1915, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Josephine White. To them were born four children, the two eldest preceding their father in death. Mr. Watters is survived by his widow and two children, Mary Josephine, aged seven years and Benjamin Joseph, aged fourteen months. He also leaves his father and mother, of Citronville, Ala., three sisters, Dr. Nelle Watters of Chicago, Neb., Mrs. Frank Matz, South Sioux City, Neb., Mrs. Herman Soffel, Detroit; two brother, T. H. Watters, Goodland, Kansas and A. G. Watters, Flagler, Colorado.

Mr. Watters was a home man, greatly devoted to the members of his family. He loved children and always when children were present he was the center of their interest. He and his little daughter, Mary Josephine, were great pals and inseparable. His wife is bereft of a kind and loving companion and feels keenly her loss, as the responsibility of caring for the children rests upon her. Mr. Watters had many relatives and friends who sincerely mourn his death. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. George Blagg. Music was furnished by Mrs. A. S. Ennis and Mrs. D. H. Snook. Burial was in Hazelwood.

Bearers were H. I. Yeager, Lewis Campbell, Aaron Clark, Frank Barnes, George Thompson and W. B. Stull, the latter of Montezuma.

We have known Mr. Watters since his father, L. K. Watters, bought the James S. Rutherford farm one mile south of Sonora and nearly all of the time since then Mr. Watters has been living in this vicinity. About a year ago he moved to Grinnell from his farm near Montezuma. We always recognized him as a man of character, a member of a family in whose home truth and honor were held as foremost, and his life was a life of up-right and honest ideals. Many friends will miss him and regret his death.