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Last Rites Held For Lloyd Wells

12-25-58

Funeral services for Lloyd Wells were conducted last Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the First Presbyterian church in charge of the Rev. G. H. Hulsebus, pastor. Mrs. Ed Bartachek was organist. Interment was in I.O.O.F. cemetery with Max Montgomery, Dean Montgomery, Clair McIlrath, Fred Carlson, Ed Bartachek and Ernest Andes serving as pallbearers.

Lloyd Lewis Wells, son of H. W. Wells and Alice Lower Wells, was born Nov. 19, 1887, at Ewart and died Dec. 16, 1958, at a Grinnell hospital where he had been hospitalized less than a week. He had been ill with a heart ailment for sometime.

When a small boy he moved with his family to Grinnell where he was graduated from high school. He enlisted for army service during World War I and saw duty on the Mexican border and overseas.

He was married July 28, 1917, to Jessie McCosh of Grinnell and five children were born to the couple. He operated a shoe repair business in Grinnell a few years and in 1923 entered into civil service and was appointed a rural mail carrier. In 1933 he was transferred to Brooklyn where the family has maintained a home ever since. Mr. Wells retired from the rural mail service March 1, 1950.

During World War II he again served in the army from March, 1942 until June, 1946, first as an air force recruiting officer in Omaha, Nebr. and later as an air force administrator at a prisoner of war camp at Scottsbluff, Nebr.

He joined the Congregational church in Grinnell when a young man and later transferred his membership to the Presbyterian church in Brooklyn.

For many years Mr. Wells had been active in civic and community affairs. While living in Grinnell he had served on the volunteer fire department for 18 years, two of which he was fire chief. He was active in the American Legion and had served as commander of both the Grinnell and Brooklyn units and also district commander. One of his favorite experiences was his association with the Boy Scouts, having served as Scoutmaster and a member of the executive committee for over ten years. He was also active in the Rural Carriers Association and the Knights of Pythias.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jessie Wells of Brooklyn; five children, Lloyd L. jr. of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. S. M. (Maxine) Smith of Louisville, Ky., Richard E. of Hedrick, Daryl F. of Plymouth, Mich. and Mrs. W. A. (Jane) Montgomery of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Edward

Barnes of Newton and Mrs. Ruby Hutchison of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren, James Lewis Montgomery and Linda Cheryl Smith.