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Prominent Figure, Rev. Wm. Welsh Succumbs Tuesday

The Rev. William R. Welsh, 84, former Grinnell minister who had made his home with his son in Montezuma the past few years, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital following an illness of the past three weeks. He had been in failing health the past two years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist church with the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Kingsley officiating. Organ music will be furnished by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner.

Pallbearers will be Leonard Evans, William Greenwald, Jay Parrott, Raymond Pilgrim, Laverne Raffety and Hillard Turner. Honorary pallbearers will include representatives of the Boards of Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, Missions and Christian Education of the First Baptist church.

Interment will be in the Hampton cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Robert and Marian Welsh, he was born in Aerdræ, Scotland, on Sept. 14th, 1876. He attended the local schools near his home and graduated from Harley College. Rev. Welsh was ordained and commissioned as a Baptist missionary and was sent to Canada in 1901 to work in several mission churches.

On Oct. 4th, 1902, he was united in marriage with Catherine Tyfe at Winnipeg, Canada. Following their marriage he served in pastorates in Brownsdale, Minn., and Keota, Iowa. When World War I broke out he was affiliated with Y.M.C.A. work in army camps in Oklahoma and Arkansas. After the war he returned to Keota and then served pastorates in Hampton and Denison.

In 1930, he was called to Grinnell to serve as pastor of the First Baptist church until his retirement from ministry in 1937. In 1947 he was honored by that church as Pastor Emeritus and was the only person ever so honored by the local church.

Rev. Welsh was active in the Iowa Baptist Assembly and had served as president of the Grinnell Ministerial Assn. He also had been a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges and was a lifelong member of the Baptist church.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Nov. 24th, 1953; two daughters, Marian in 1906 and Mary in 1919; his parents; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his son, William R. Welsh of Montezuma and three grandchildren, Linda, Bill and Debra Welsh.

Funeral Services For Rev. Welsh Held Friday

GRINNELL.—Funeral services for Rev. William R. Welsh, 84, were conducted at the First Baptist church by Rev. C. E. Kingsley at 10:30 Friday morning. Mrs. Kathleen Heffner played the organ selections.

Interment was in the family lot at Hampton, besides Mrs. Welsh and their two daughters. Casket bearers were Hillard Turner, Laverne Rafferty, Raymond Pilgrim, Jay Parrott, William Greenwald and Leonard Evans. Honorary pallbearers were representatives of the Board of Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, Missions, and Christian Education of the First Baptist church.

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