

Bert Whitaker, Ex-Mayor Here, Dies

Bert N. Whitaker, mayor of Grinnell for four terms, died at a local hospital Thursday afternoon, following a lengthy illness. He was 67 years old. Funeral services were held from James Funeral Home this afternoon (Monday) with Rev. John W. Rhodes conducting services with Hermon Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M.

Prominent Citizen

The prominent Grinnell citizen and community leader, well liked and one of the friendliest men in the community has been in failing health for some time. He had been active in his business and farm interests, and carried in high esteem by his fellow business men and farmers.

Four-term Mayor

A four-term Grinnell mayor, Whitaker served the city from 1933 to 1939 and again from 1941 to 1943. He was elected to the state house of representatives in 1945.

A director of the Grinnell State Bank and Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan Association, Whitaker organized the Grinnell Livestock Exchange in 1931 and operated the business for nearly a quarter-century. Resident 50 Years. Born in Scott county, he moved with his parents to Kilduff when he was two years old. He lived in the Kilduff community until 1903 when he was married to Susan Lincoln. They came to Grinnell in 1924 and seven years later he established the livestock exchange.

Final Rites

Honorary pallbearers at the final rites were William Laymiller, Everett Baker, J. L. McHardy, A. C. Jones, A. B. Manson and C. L. McNally. Active pallbearers were Harold Whitaker, Harold Whitcomb, Dr. Floyd Beaver, Ralph Spooner, Ross Lincoln and Erwin Mercer.

Interment was in Westfield cemetery with James Funeral Home in charge.



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