

F. C. Willson ^{C-14} *April 5* *1929* Is Called

Funeral Services Are Conducted by
Dr. E. A. Steiner, Wednesday
Afternoon.

ELKS HAD CHARGE OF SERVICES AT GRAVE

Was A Man Successful in Business
and Esteemed by His
Community.

Beautiful and appropriate funeral services for the late Floyd Willson were conducted from the home on Fourth Avenue Wednesday afternoon by Dr. E. A. Steiner, who spoke words of comfort and help to the large company of friends who had assembled. A male quartette, composed of Rev. H. C. Rice, Henry Barkelew, Cecil Myers and Professor D. E. Peck sang very beautifully two selections, "Holy Ghost with Light Divine" and "Rock of Ages."

The services at the grave in Hazelwood cemetery were in charge of the Elks, an order of which Mr. Willson had for many years been a faithful and active member. The beautiful burial ritual of the lodge was effectively performed by the officers.

Fall bearers were J. H. McMurray, Dr. E. F. Talbott, Dr. J. T. Padgham, Dr. E. B. Wiley, Charles Doe and Dr. L. G. Lemley.

Floyd Conger Willson was born on a farm in St. Lawrence county, New York, on Nov. 22, 1860. He attended the public schools and graduated from high school there. In 1882 Mr. Willson came to Lynnvill, Iowa, and located with the firm of Gifford & Manly. He also worked for the same firm at Searsboro. Later he bought, in partnership with Peter Jacobsen, an elevator in Gilman.

In 1895, Mr. Willson and Mr. Jacobson bought the present business in Grinnell and in the same year Mr. Willson came to Grinnell to live. His home has been here ever since.

While conducting his business in Grinnell Mr. Willson has had two partners, W. C. Hastings and Mayo Harris but since 1924 he has conducted the business alone.

In 1892 he was married to Ida M. Martin of Keokuk and to this union were born two daughters, Rachel and Grace. Rachel died at the age of seventeen months.

He is survived by his widow, his daughter, Mrs. Grace Willson Worth, and two grand children, Floyd Willson Worth and Helen Winifred Worth, two sisters and two nephews, one of whom, P. W. Willson, of Darien, Conn., was here for the funeral.

Mr. Willson's life was primarily devoted to business but he found time for friendship, particularly through his lodge connections and was known as a man of solid integrity and of genuine worth. His many friends regret the passing of a substantial citizen, a good business man and a loyal friend and the cluster of forget me nots, placed on his casket by his brother Elks, will remain unwithered in their hearts for many a day.