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Thursday, October 26, 1961

## L. O. Wilson, 82, Local Contractor, Succumbs Tuesday

Lawrence O. Wilson, 82, long-time contractor and builder here, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital following an illness of the past five weeks.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from the James-Schalinske Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph Beebe officiating. Masonic graveside services will be conducted by Hermon Lodge No. 273, A. F. and A. M. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Organ music at the services will be provided by Mrs. Rhee Auman. On the flower committee will be Mrs. Wilson Hopkins, Mrs. Warner Renaud, and Mrs. Eva Noel. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl E. Child, Homer Richardson, Ross Coutts, William Flaherty, W. B. Hoyt, Croft Pilgrim, Henry Selle and Arthur Robison. Serving as pallbearers will be Keith Vosburg, Ellis Brown, Everett Armstrong, Eldon Olds, Fred Wolfe, Wesley Ahrens.

Mr. Wilson was born on Mar. 9th, 1879, in Cook county, Ill., the son of John S. Wilson and Edna E. Scott Wilson. He attended schools in Illinois and Grinnell.

He entered the carpenter trade when a young boy and became a full-fledged carpenter in 1908, and entered into partnership with his father in 1912. In 1917 he took over the business, following the death of his father. This he continued until his retirement in 1958. A number of local business establishments and many houses were built by Mr. Wilson.

On June 16th, 1903, he was united in marriage with Alma D. Dunn of Colfax. On June 16th, 1953, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Consistory of Davenport.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Alma in 1954; his only son, Paul; two sisters, Evelyn and Margaret; a granddaughter, Karyl Lee Wilson; and his parents.

Survivors are his grandchildren, Paula and Gary Wilson, and his daughter-in-law, Hazel Wilson, all of Grinnell; and two cousins, Hazel Black of Los Angeles, Calif., and Helen Scott of Omaha, Neb.