

# M. F. Zimmerman dies; former Grinnell mayor

M.F. Zimmerman, 76, of 1600 Tenth Ave., a former mayor of Grinnell, died Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

The son of John and Lizzie Dudley Zimmerman, he was born Sept. 30, 1898, near Elkhart, Iowa. He attended rural school near his home and



M.F. Zimmerman

was graduated from Alleman High School. He also attended Drake University.

On June 10, 1926, he was married to Violet Fausch in Alleman. The couple had two children, Mrs. Stanley V. (Betty Jean) Hotchkin of Newton and Roger C. Zimmerman of Grinnell.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman made their home in Alleman where Mr. Zimmerman managed a general store and was postmaster for 30 years before coming to Grinnell in 1945. He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, and a member of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273, A.F. & A.M.

## Term as Mayor

He was mayor of Grinnell from 1949 to 1951, and during his term of office the city

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manager plan was adopted. Mr. Zimmerman was active in Zimm's True Value store until illness forced his retirement a year ago. He was also active in the Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife Violet; his two children, Betty Jean and Roger; and two grandchildren, Jane Ann and Mary Beth Zimmerman, both of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Mr. Zimmerman will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad officiating.

Graveside rites will be conducted by Clark Watkins and members of Hermon Masonic Lodge. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Zimmerman's name may be made to the United Church of Christ-Congregational.

Zimm's True Value Hardware store will be closed all day Tuesday in respect to Mr. Zimmerman.

## Rites held for Mr. Zimmerman

Funeral services for M. F. Zimmerman, 76, who died Sunday at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center, were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad officiating.

Organist was Elbert Smith, and pallbearers were Eldon G. Alleman, Albert C. Eisenman, James Paschall, Larry Petermann, Bill D. Weeks and Jack Wiley. Honorary pallbearers were John Barker, Carl E. Child, Adolph Krumm, A. J. Pinder, Lucille Potts, D. S. Pwynter, Charles P. Vogel and Clark L. Watkins.

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