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## **E. E. Benson, State Center, Dies At 95**

STATE CENTER—(Special) — Elmer E. Benson, 95, State Center, died Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Fern Smith, where he and his widow have lived the past year.

Benson was the oldest resident of State Center at the time of his death. He was born Jan. 21, 1866, in Ohio. He came to Iowa at an early age with his parents, James and Mary Farquahar Benson. They lived at Belle Plaine where he received his education.

**HE MOVED** to State Center where he entered the bakery business and later a dry goods store. He later bought the dry goods store from W. N. Gilbert and ran the business until 1957.

He was married to Hallie Tisdale in 1889 in the first wedding in the Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Terrestrial Lodge 276 AF and AM, an honorary volunteer fireman and served many terms on the city council. For many years he has been a director of the Central State Bank in State Center.

**HE IS SURVIVED** by his widow and a son, Donald of New Rochelle, N.Y., and a sister, Mrs. Millicent Loper of Lincoln, Neb.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Methodist Church in charge of the Rev. Dr. Baddeley. Burial will be in the Hillside Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Brimhall-West Funeral Home until 10 a.m. Thursday.