

WILLIAM CROUCH DIED SATURDAY

William Wesley Crouch, son of Jacob and Catherine Crouch, was born January 14, 1870, in Story county, Iowa. He spent most of his early life in Story county on a farm east of Collins.

In 1893, he was united in marriage to Nellie Bence. No children were born to this union. In 1928, he and his wife took their niece, Joy Bence, to raise. Many cherished memories will remain from this relationship.

On June 11, 1948, his wife Nellie passed away. They had spent 55 years of happily married life together. It was at this time, Joy and her family came to live with him, to love and care for him the last remaining years of his life.

In 1949, he joined the E. U. B. church at Collins.

In 1952, the family moved to Missouri, where he spent his last years. His health had failed considerably the last two or three months. He spent his last nine days at the Skaggs Memorial hospital in Branson, Mo. He departed this life May 26, 1956.

Preceding him in death were his three sisters, Susan, Dora and Lilly; his parents and his wife Nellie. Left to mourn his passing are his niece, Joy Hollingsworth, her husband Bill, their four daughters, Norma Jean, Wilma, Evelyn and Sharon Lee, and son Gayle Franklin. Also three nieces, Marie Hill and MaeArthur and Ida Yeager of Sioux City, and several great nieces and nephews.

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OBITUARY

June 2, 1956
William W. Crouch

COLLINS — Funeral was May 29 at the EUB Church for William W. Crouch who died in Bronson, Mo., May 26.

The Rev. G. M. Talbott officiated. A quartet of Mrs. Allan Struthers, Mrs. Orris Swaim, William Cochran and Milton Hale sang. Flowers were cared for by Mrs. Flavius Pritchard and Mrs. Milton Hale.

Pallbearers were Allen Struthers, Donald Huntrods, J. S. Tiffany, Lyle Heintz, Al Spivey and Paul Trieber. Burial was in Collins Evergreen Cemetery.

Died 26 May 1956

Mr. Crouch was born on a Story County farm in 1870 and lived most of his early life in the county. He was married to Nellie Bence in 1893.

The childless couple took Mrs. Crouch's orphaned niece, Joy Bence, to raise in 1928. Mr. Crouch lived with her (Mrs. William Hollingsworth) after Mrs. Crouch's death in 1948.

In 1952, the family moved to Bronson. At the time of his death, Mr. Crouch was 86. His health had failed rapidly his last three months.

Survivors are the Hollingsworths, their four daughters and son and three nieces, in Sioux City.