

# Funeral Services Held at Collins for Late E. F. Day 1944

Day, E.F.

(Eddie Franklin) d. 16 May 1944

Collins, May 27—Funeral services for the late E. F. Day, 74, real estate dealer and life long resident of Collins community who passed away Tuesday morning, May 16 at the General hospital in Des Moines, were held from the local Church of Christ, Thursday afternoon, May 18, 1944, with the Rev. P. G. Dennis of Marshalltown in charge of the services, assisted by the Rev. George H. Adkins of the local church. A quartet composed of Mrs. K. W. Tomlinson, Calla Wood, Milton Hale and Tom Huntrods, with Mrs. Hugh Fertig at the piano sang, "The Old Rugged Cross", and "The Eastern Gate." Mrs. Tomlinson sang, "Some Day We'll Understand" as a solo.

The flowers were very lovely and the many sprays and bouquets were arranged at the church and grave by Mrs. D. W. Hubbard, Mrs. L. D. Holland and Mrs. Vern Halterman.

The pallbearers were chosen from church and business associates, the honorary being Frank Campbell, James Oswalt, Ed Stratton, J. E. Hale, Henry McWherter, and T. H. Morrison, while the active casket bearers were P. J. Wetrich, G. F. Holland, C. R. Stone, Clark Chambers, O. H. Gearhart and Ray Tiffany.

Interment was on the family lot in Evergreen cemetery at Collins.

The following life history was read at the services by the pastor: Eddie Franklin Day, son of Henry and Elvira Day was born February 23, 1879 in Oaklandon, Ind. At the age of two he came with his parents to Iowa, settling on the farm known as the Ray Evans farm, moving in a few months to the Day homestead east of Collins, living there for two years, following the death of both parents.

In 1891 he was married to Nancy J. Downing and they continue to farm for a few years then moved to Collins and he engaged in the livery business, which he operated for twenty years. During that time he built the house now known as the Jasper Westcott home. After disposing of the livery business, he owned a furniture store but after one year moved to La Mar, Colorado and entered the grocery business. At the end of two years he and his wife returned to Iowa and purchased a farm near Collins, where they lived for eleven years. After retiring from the farm he again built a home in Collins and became interested in the real estate business, being actively engaged in that work at the time of his death. On May 28, 1936 his wife died and a year later on June 10, 1937 he was united in marriage to Orpha Kemp of Des Moines.

For the past seven months the deceased has been in very poor health and although he was given loving care and medical aid, death came to him at the General hospital in Des Moines on May 16.

He was a charter member of the Church of Christ and performed the duties of elder and trustee of the church from the time of its organization. He had taught the Men's Bible class for nineteen years and seldom missed a service of the church when his health permitted.

He is survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Dodd of Collins and Mrs. Ora Vineman of Scranton, one brother Carl Day of Collins, a number of nephews and nieces and one step daughter, Mrs. Frank Wright of Des Moines, her son who is overseas and a great grandson, as well as neighbors and hosts of friends who will greatly miss him.

# E. F. Day Dies Tuesday In Des Moines General Hospital 1944

Collins, May 17—E. F. Day, 74, pioneer of this community, died at the General hospital in Des Moines from the effects of a blood clot. Death coming very suddenly, although he had been ill and in the hospital for eight days. Death occurred at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Collins and burial will be in the family lot in the Collins cemetery.

He was a son of Henry and Elvira Day, born at Oaklandon, Ind., February 13, 1870. Two years after his birth the family came out to the Collins neighborhood and this had been his home during his entire lifetime, with the exception of two years spent in Colorado. His first wife was Nancy Downing, who died May 27, 1936.

About a year later, or on June 10, 1937, he was again married, this time to Mrs. Orpha Kemp of Des Moines.

He leaves his wife, Orpha, a step daughter, Mrs. Frank Wright of Des Moines, grandsons and great grandchildren, 2 sisters, Mrs. Marley Dodd of Collins and Mrs. Orra Venneman of Scranton, besides a number of more distant relatives and a large circle of friends.

For many years Mr. Day had been connected with Harley Gearhart in the real estate business and had a wide acquaintance over this part of the country.