

LOOKING BACK

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Ralph A. Eckhardt dies at Des Moines November 10, 1966 State Center Enterprise

Ralph A. Eckhardt, 65, son pioneer State Center parents and brother of the late Walter E. Eckhardt, passed away at his home at 5620 Grand Avenue in Des Moines last Thursday following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held at the Westover Funeral Home at 6337 Hickman Road in Des Moines at 10:30 a.m. last Saturday, November 5. Graveside rites and interment were held at 2:00 p.m. the same day at the Marietta Cemetery northeast of State Center.

Mr. Eckhardt was born at State Center on August 6, 1901, the son of Edward and Lillian Hilleman Eckhardt. He was graduated from the State Center High School with the class of 1919. He was married to Miss Ann Veren at Marshalltown on October 24, 1923.

He was employed by the Keeshin Motor Co. at Marshalltown and Rock Island, Ill., for many years. The couple moved to Des Moines in 1947 and he was building superintendent at the new YMCA at the time of his death.

Mr. Eckhardt is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. John (Joan) Schoek of Little Rock, Ark. And Mrs. Marilyn Rose of Des Moines; one brother, Clarence of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.