

Al S. Richards, former resident dies at M'town
Veteran printer learned trade while employed by Editor Merrill
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Al S. Richards, former resident of State Center and a veteran Iowa printer, died suddenly at his home in Marshalltown Monday. Mr. Richards apparently had been in his usual good health until early Monday, when he suffered a heart attack.

Funeral service were held at the Pursel Funeral Home in Marshalltown Wednesday afternoon with burial in Riverside cemetery in that city. Mr. Richards is survived by his widow, one son, Hal of Storm Lake, two daughters, Mrs. Edward Holum of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Mrs. Jim Elder of Marshalltown, two brothers and six grandchildren.

Mr. Richards was born near Elgin, Iowa. As a young man he lived in State Center, serving as printer at the Enterprise for some time. Later, he worked as printer at Eldora. From Eldora, he went to Marshalltown to enter the employ of the Times-Republican. He served as compositor and foreman at the Marshalltown daily for more than 50 years.

He virtually grew up with the printing industry. He worked for years in the hand composition days, saw the introduction of the typesetting machines and spent his last days in the trade in a shop equipped with all the modern machinery of the printing business. Mr. Richards was also widely known as a musician, having played with several nationally prominent bands and orchestras.