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Charles Vasey is dead at 95, rites Thursday

Former Collins resident Charles G. Vasey, 95, died at the Bryant Nursing Home in State Center Tuesday morning where he had been a patient for the past year.

He was born September 17, 1873.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lois Vasey of Zion, Ill.; a grandson, Theodore Vasey of Zion; a brother, Rahleigh Vasey of Nevada; and a sister, Mrs. Clara Hand of Des Moines.

Funeral services are tentatively planned for Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Ryan Funeral Home with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery at Collins.

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CHARLES G. VASEY.

Charles G. Vasey, of the firm of Vasey Brothers, dealers in lumber, coal and agricultural implements at Collins, by his active and honorable business life is well entitled to representation in this volume. He was born in Peoria, Polk county, Iowa, September 17, 1873, a son of William and Anna (Oxley) Vasey, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Vasey acquired his early education in the district schools and later attended the Collins high school, graduating in the first class that completed the course in that institution. He then entered the Capital City Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1896, securing a practical business education, which has been of great benefit to him in his contact with the world. He began his business career in the bank at Maxwell and later was connected with both banks at Collins. For two terms he made a test of his talents as a school teacher but found the work uncongenial, and being attracted to mercantile pursuits in February, 1898, he purchased from S. A. Rush the Collins lumberyard, two years later taking into partnership a younger brother, Arthur A. The business is conducted under the title of Vasey Brothers, and they have secured an extensive patronage, the concern being recognized as one of the most successful in Story county.

In June, 1902, Mr. Vasey was united in marriage to Miss Grace King, a daughter of William King, of Collins, and by this union one child, Harold

B., has been born. Mr. Vasey is independent politically, and thus is free from partiality in casting his ballot and is able to take a broad view of political questions. He is actively interested in public affairs and served three terms as town clerk, two terms as mayor of Collins, and at the present time is a member of the school board. He previously filled the office of secretary of that body for several years and was a member of the board when the handsome new school building was erected, being largely instrumental in the inception and accomplishment of that important work. He is identified with Amity Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F., and also with Sunbeam Lodge, No. 181, Mystic Workers of the World. He ranks as one of the leading business men of Collins, and as he has always dealt fairly with others, never seeking to advance his personal interest to the injury of his fellowmen, he possesses in an eminent degree the respect and esteem of the entire community.

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