

# DEATH OF BOY MOURNED BY ALL

**PAUL SOMERS HARDING DIED  
THURSDAY EVENING**

**Adopted Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
Harding Was Loved  
By Many**

A sorrow which is shared by many Grinnell people came to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harding early Thursday evening, when their adopted son, Paul Somers Harding, passed away after only a few days' illness, of bronchitis, which coupled with a weak heart resulted in his death. He was ten years old on August 2 of this year.

No better proof of the love which Mr. and Mrs. Harding had for the boy can be given than that indicated by the manner of his coming to their home. Grinnell people will remember how he was left on the steps of Goodnow Hall, and how, after the child had been found by Dr. Somers, he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Harding and came to be, from the very first, a sunbeam in their home.

The real parents returned some time later and claimed the child, but by that time he had come to be cherished as their own, and Mr. and Mrs. Harding, who had legally adopted the child, were enabled to keep him. The feeling they have had for Paul is well known to everyone who is acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Harding. The loving care which they lavished upon the boy promised to bear rich returns, for a brighter, more intelligent and ambitious child would be hard to find.

He was a good boy, interesting and lovable, a boy who gave promise of splendid attainments, and his loss for that reason is felt more keenly and the sorrow of his parents and friends more profound.

His last illness was brief. Although not feeling well last Monday, he went to school as usual, but was sent home as he failed to improve. He rapidly became worse, and his condition soon proved to be critical. He failed to rally and passed away about six o'clock on Thursday evening.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Catholic church, conducted by Rev. M. J. Hannon, who held high mass. Following the service, Rev. Mr. Hannon spoke eloquently of the child's attainments and of the love and affection of his parents.

Members of the K. P. Lodge and Pythian Sisters were present, and the bearers were Ed Jantzen, Dan Reynolds, Keith Burton, Ed Speth, James Ditzler and Clayton Phelps.

Burial was in Hazelwood.