

OBITUARY

ROBERT POOTS

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Robert James Poots was born in Jasper County, Iowa, March 27, 1874, the son of Robert and Nancy Kennedy Poots, and entered into rest at his farm home February 24, 1957, at the age of 82 years, 10 months and 24 days.

His early childhood was spent on a farm in the Bethel community and he attended rural school in Jasper county, and also Lynnville high school. During his youth he attended the Bethel Methodist church.

Mr. Poots' parents came to Iowa in a covered wagon from Ohio and some of the stories he loved most to tell were the experiences his father encountered while driving stage coach from Sioux City to Council Bluffs in 1855.

On March 10, 1909, Robert James Poots and Ethyl L. Fleener were united in marriage, and to this union were born 9 children.

He devoted his life to farming in the Grinnell vicinity.

Mr. Poots had been in ill health for the past three years and had recently become bed-fast.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife Ethyl and nine children: Mrs. Edith Benson, Grand Junction, Iowa; Mrs. Eva Crouch, Fairbanks, Alaska; Canler Poots, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Vivian Onthank, Grinnell; Mrs. Ruth Davitt, Des Moines; Miss Beatrice Poots, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Ardyce Burhammer, Des Moines; Mrs. Dorothy Douger, Des Moines; Miss Jeannetta Poots, Los Angeles; also nine grandchildren and one brother, John H. Poots of Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26 at the Bethel church with the Rev. A. W. McBlain officiating. Music was provided by the Oak Grove quartette.

Pallbearers were Oral Bailey, Cecil Gertsma, Norman Graham, Vern Millgate, A. F. Otcheck and J. W. Price.

Interment was at Bethel cemetery.