

## **GRAVES, BLANCHE FLORENCE**

### Birth

April 24, 1886 in Kansas



### Death

August 26, 1979 at WestPark  
Care Center, 1211 Vine St.,  
West Des Moines, Iowa

### Cause of Death

Heart ailment

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 100  
Lot was purchased by Ralph Bertrand on October 16, 1934

### Maiden Name

Chatfield

### Father

Edwin D. Chatfield, born in New York

### Mother

Martha Dowdney, born in Iowa

### Marriage

Blanche F. Chatfield to Harry E. Graves on September 14, 1910  
Ref: Book 14, page 305 of Polk Co. records on file at IGS Library

Return of marriages for the county of Polk for the year ending December 31, 1910  
77-1215

No of License: 24846

Date of License: September 14, 1910

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Harry E. Graves

Residence: Valley Junction

Married

Blanche F. Chatfield

Residence: Iola, Allen Co., Kansas

Census

1895 –

1900 – Iola, Allen Co., Kansas; ED2; Page 3B; June 2, 1900;

Ward 1; North Colborn St.

Dwelling 53; Family 56

Chatfield, Edwin	36	born July 1863		NY	NY
NY					
		Carpenter			
Martha G.	33	born Nov 1866	IA	NJ	NJ
		5 children; 5 living			
Alice L.	15	born Dec 1884	KS	NY	IA
<b>Blanch F.</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>born Dec 1884</b>	<b>KS</b>	<b>NY</b>	<b>KS</b>
May P.	10	born June 1889	KS	NY	IA
Arthur E.	04	born Oct 1895	KS	NY	IA
Ethel M.	01	born May 1899	KS	NY	IA

1905 – Iola, Allen Co., Kansas; March 1, 1905; Page 42

Family 8

Chatfield, E. D.	43	Carpenter	NY
M. G.	38	Housewife	IA
Alice	20	Central Girl	KS
<b>Blanche</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Central Girl</b>	<b>KS</b>
May	15	Student	KS
Arthur	08	Student	KS
Ethel	06		KS
Gertrude	03		KS
Harold	00 4mo		KS

Des Moines, IA; Ward 1; Line 120; Post Office, RFD 2; Roll IA\_105

**Graves, Blanche**

1910 – Ward 1, Des Moines City, Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 92; Page 4B;

April 20, 1910

Dwelling 60; Family 61

Chatfield, Edwin P.	46	cement plant	NY	NY	NY
Martha	43	married 26 years	IA	NJ	NJ
<b>Blanch</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>grocery clerk</b>	<b>KS</b>	<b>NY</b>	<b>IA</b>

May	20		KS	NY	IA
Arthur	14		MO	NY	IA
Ethel	10		KS	NY	IA
Gertrude	07		KS	NY	IA
Harold	05		KS	NY	IA
Darton	02		KS	NY	IA

1915 – Valley Junction, Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA  
Card #381

Graves, Blanche	28		KS	NY	IA
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1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 16B; February 14, 1920  
Dwelling 391; Family 39

Graves, Harry	33	dairy farmer	IA	IN	IN
Blanche	33		KS	NY	IA
Jane	74	mother	IN	VA	VA

1925 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Book 49; Line 67

Graves, Harry	38		IA		
		Father, Lewis Graves, born in US			
		Mother, Arvilla Dodd, born in US			
Blanche	38		IA		
		Father, E. D. Chatfield, born in IA			
		Mother, Marthy Dodley, born in IA			
Louise J.	01		IA		
		Father, Harry Graves, born in IA			
		Mother, Blanche Chatfield, born in IA			

1930 - Valley Twp., Valley Junction, 1st ward; Polk Co., IA; ED 121; Page 23A; April 10, 1930  
Dwelling 357; Family 368

Graves, Harry E.	43		IA	IN	IA
		Weightman at cement plant			
Blanche	43		KS	NY	OH
Louise	07		IA	IA	KS
Harold	01 10/12		IA	IA	KS

1940 – West Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; ED77-35A; Page 2; April 4, 1940

500 1<sup>st</sup> St., Des Moines  
100 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Valley Junction  
Family 31

Graves, Harry E.	53	Mill operator, cement plant	IA		
		Same place in 1935			
		Completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr high school			
Blanche F.	53	Housewife	KS		
		Completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr high school			
Louise J.	17		IA		

Harold C.

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Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> yr high school

IA

Completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade

### Des Moines City Directory

1906 – Chatfield, Blanche F., 210 N. Colborn, Iola, Kansas, Operator; Publication: Iola, Kansas, City Directory

1909 – Chatfield, Blanche F., Des Moines; Valley Junction, Iowa

1931 – Graves, Blanche F., 506 1<sup>st</sup> St., Valley Junction, Des Moines, Iowa

1932 – Graves, Blanche F., 506 1<sup>st</sup> St., Des Moines, Iowa

1933 – Graves, Blanche F., 506 1<sup>st</sup> St., Valley Junction, Des Moines, Iowa

1934 – Graves, Blanche F., 506 1<sup>st</sup> St., Valley Junction, Des Moines, Iowa

1937 – Graves, Blanche F., 500 1<sup>st</sup> St., Valley Junction, Des Moines, Iowa

1938 – Graves, Blanche F., 500 1<sup>st</sup> St., Valley Junction, Des Moines, Iowa

1941 – Graves, Blanche F., 500 1<sup>st</sup> St., West Des Moines, Iowa

1943 – Graves, Blanche F., 500 1<sup>st</sup> St., West Des Moines, Iowa

1947 – Graves, Blanche F., 500 1<sup>st</sup> St., West Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa

1953 – Graves, Blanche F., 500 1<sup>st</sup> St., West Des Moines, Iowa

### Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Tuesday, August 28, 1979, Page 6B]

Services for Blanche F. Graves, 93, of West Park Care Center, 1211 Vine St., who died there Sunday of a heart ailment, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McLaren's Resthaven Chapel. Burial will be at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orillia.

Born in Kansas, Mrs. Graves lived in West Des Moines for 72 years. She was a member of the West Des Moines United Methodist Church and the Plainview Community Club.

Survivors include a son, Harold of Des Moines, a daughter, Louise McKearney of West Des Moines; a brother, Harold J. Chatfield of Collinsville, Illinois; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after noon today.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Ruth Circle of the West Des Moines United Methodist Church.