

**Obituary from The Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa**

Ortiz W. Merriam, 81, of Ogden, died Sunday, May 11, in his home. He was born on September 27, 1898 in Ogden, the son of Dr. Edward and Mary Edith (Van Meter) Merriam. On March 6, 1949 he married Blanche Phillips in Ogden. He graduated Ogden schools and graduated in 1918. He operated a business in Ogden since 1921, working as a machinist. He was a veteran of World War I.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers and three sisters. Survivors include his wife, Blanche, of Ogden; three sisters, Isabelle Husmann of Ogden, Ethel Becker of Boone, and Louise Hensen of Des Moines, and one brother, Edward of the Ogden Manor.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at 2 p.m. at the Carson Funeral Home in Ogden. Burial will be at the Glenwood Cemetery.