Ellis Brown

Ellis Brown, 91, of Grinnell died of pneumonia Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 1, at United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart and the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Casket bearers were Bradley, Brently, Otto and Kari Brown, Linda Lynch, Jenny Riedel and Mandy Neuman. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church or the Shriners’ Childrens’ Hospital.

He was born March 5, 1912, in Grinnell to Everett and Vida Keller Brown. He was raised in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School with the class of 1931, and attended Grinnell College. On Nov. 28, 1935, he was married to Ruth BGross at her parents’ home in Grinnell. They lived in Grinnell where he operated Brown’s Bakery for a few years before becoming a self-employed carpenter.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the IOOF Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, the Kaaba Shrine of Davenport and the Jasper County Shrine Club.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Brown of Grinnell; one daughter Judy Cook of Grinnell; three sons, Rodney Brown of Las Cruces, N. M., James Brown of Ocala, Fla., and Bennett Brown of Grinnell; ten grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Ura, George, Fred, James and Walton Brown; and two sisters, Theresa Millhollin and Harriet Brown.