

William Criswell

William Roy Criswell, 81, of Reinbeck, a native of rural Lynnville and a former Grinnell-area resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Parkview Manor in Reinbeck.

Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Reinbeck, with the Rev. Randy McGrady-Beach officiating. Burial will be at Reinbeck Cemetery, with military honors conducted by members of American Legion Action Post 242 of Reinbeck.

Friends may call at the Hand Funeral Home of Reinbeck after noon Friday.

He was the son of Albert and Lela Dobbs Criswell and was born Dec. 20, 1919, east of Lynnville. He was raised in the area of his birth and received his education there.

He was married to Dorothy Loreen Dickenson March 12, 1941, in Whitten. He was inducted into the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served during World War II.

The couple moved to the Grinnell area and farmed for many years. Mr. Criswell also worked in construction for Criswell Enterprises here. He retired in 1982.

He was a former member of the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational and was a member of the American Legion in Reinbeck.

Surviving are a daughter, Billie Jean Mulligan of Reinbeck; three sons, Richard of El Coton, Calif., Ronald of West Liberty and Brian of Conroy; three brothers, Larry of Grinnell, Howard of Centerville and Rex of Rock Creek; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two brothers, Ray and Robert; and one grandson.

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