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Jerome Haunsperger

Jerome J. Haunsperger, 82, of Grinnell died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Pianist will be Barbara Chitwood. Casket bearers will be David, Jeff and Mark Haunsperger, Dwight Pease and Jack and Leo Rabe. Honorary bearers will be Jerry Edwards, Del Emperley, Earl Faircloth, Louis Klemm and Earl Lemke. Visitation will be held Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church beginning at 5 p.m. with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg.

He was born May 18, 1921, at Alton, Ill., to Simon and Elizabeth Bouth Haunsperger. The family moved in 1934 to Kellogg where he was raised, graduating with the class of 1939 from Kellogg High School. During World War II he served with the United States Army Air Corps.

He was married on Dec. 22, 1951, to Audrey Pease in Newton. The couple lived in Kellogg and he worked as a toolmaker for Midwest Manufacturing Company. From 1968 to 1988 he worked at Plant #2 of the Maytag Company in Newton. The Haunspergers moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1997.

He was a member of the Kellogg Historical Society, the American Legion and the Kellogg Cemetery Association.

He is survived by his wife Audrey of Grinnell; three sons, Mike Haunsperger of Raleigh, N.C., and Steve Haunsperger and Rick Haunsperger of Newton; five grandchildren; one sister Pauline Wells of Newton, and two brothers, Stanley of Sarasota, Fla., and Al Haunsperger of Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters Anna Haunsperger and Josephine Wymore and two brothers, Joseph and John Haunsperger.