

# John T. Little, Sr., 93

John Thomas Little, Sr., 93, of Grinnell, a former resident of Brooklyn, died Sunday, March 23, at the Mayflower Home, Grinnell.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Thursday,

March 27, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Richard Okumu officiating. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Visitation hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, at Nevenhoven Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Casket bearers will be Bob Grunder, Ed Little, Jr., Larry Ross, Bud Johnson, Bryan Johnson and Jason Ross.

Tom was born July 15, 1909, near Joanna, Mo. He was the oldest child of 21 children born to Lambert and Lois Little. He grew up in the Hannibal, Mo. area and served three years in CCCs during World War II. In 1939, he moved to Iowa and met and married

Sarah Elizabeth McCammant on June 4, 1939, at Sigourney. He farmed around Poweshiek County until moving to Brooklyn in 1957. He then worked for Belland Plumbing and Heating and as a custodian in the BGM School District for nine years. He retired in 1974. His wife, Sarah, died July 18, 1998, and Tom moved to Grinnell in November 2001.

He is survived by four children, Margaret Grunder and husband Edward of West Des Moines; Mary Van Gorp and husband Dean of Olathe, Kansas; Linda Haas and husband Kenneth of Marion; and son John Little, Jr. and wife Cynthia of Grinnell; two brothers, Jack Little of Monroe City, Mo. and Pearl Little of Shelbyville, Mo.; eight sisters, Mary Lowe, Ann Kuntz and Dorothy Hammond, all of Shelbina, Mo.; Sue Roberts and Helen Gosney of Monroe City, Mo.; Agnes Wheeler of Mexico City, Mo.; Teresa Teague of Vandalia, Mo. and Rita Taylor of Monroe City, Mo.; 24 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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