

Elwin Muntz

Dr. Elwin Muntz DDS, 87, of Grinnell, formerly of Keokuk and Farmington, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Mayflower Health Center.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington United Methodist Church with the Rev. Catie Newman officiating. Burial with military rites by Richardson-Anthony Post of the American Legion will be in Thompson Cemetery southwest of Bonaparte.

Open visitation will begin Friday at 2 p.m. at Pedrick Funeral Home in Keosauqua with Masonic rites by Mount Moriah Lodge at 6:30 p.m. followed by family visitation until 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Farmington United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home or to the family, 1730 Third Ave., Grinnell.

He was born Feb. 28, 1916, near Farmington to Frank and Zoe Swift Muntz. He grew up in the Flat Rock area near Farmington. He was a graduate of Farmington High School, Iowa State Teachers College and the University of Iowa Dental College. He taught in rural schools in Van Buren County and later in Vail and Corydon High Schools. He served in the United States Army in the South Pacific during World War I, then practiced dentistry in Keokuk from 1951 to 1979 and in Farmington from 1979 to 1995.

He was married June 1, 1940, in Kahoka Mo., to Mary Louise Mitchell. She died May 14, 1949. He married Edna Wilson Feb. 26, 1951, in Elkhart, Ind. She died March 15, 1995.

He was a member of Farmington United Methodist Church, several lodges and served as grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa in 1969, was a member of national and state dental associations and served several years on the Van Buren County board of health.

He had resided at Mayflower since 1999.

He is survived by one daughter Judith Ward, Winnetka, Ill.; two sons Alan Muntz of Grinnell and Lee Muntz of Fairfield; six granddaughters, one great granddaughter, two brothers Harold and Keith Muntz of Farmington; two sisters Elouise Syfert of Keosauqua and Louise Rider of Farmington and one half sister Elise Bowers of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by his wives and one half brother Kenneth Muntz.