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## Ralph Reams, 92



Ralph Reams, 92, of Grinnell, died on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of a lengthy illness.

His funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at

the Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. Eldon Pals, pastor of the Ewart Presbyterian Church, officiating. Casket bearers will be his grandchildren, Paula Corbin, Phil Reams, Julie Theis, Kathleen McCunn, Matt Reams, Melissa Hultman, Mark Reams, Terri Lauters and Amy Taylor. Burial will be at the Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon on Tuesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Ralph was born on May 31, 1911, on the family farm in Sheridan Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa. He was raised in rural Poweshiek County and attended rural

school near his home. He was a member of the Class of 1928 of Malcom High School. On June 3, 1933, he was married to Clara Lovella Beeler in Cedar Rapids. The couple farmed near Malcom and in 1945 they moved to a farm west of Ewart. He retired from farming in 1967 and the couple moved to Grinnell. He worked as a carpenter and later assisted his son, Ronald Reams, with Reams Ag Business. Ralph was a member of the Ewart Presbyterian Church and the Malcom I.O.O.F. Lodge. He has served as a Trustee in Pleasant Township and was a former 4-H Leader in Poweshiek County.

His three sons and their spouses, Ronald and Dorothy Reams and Larry and Janis Reams, all of Montezuma, and William and Judy Reams of Vinton; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren survive him.

His wife, one brother, Wayne Reams, and three sisters, Florence Johnston, Beulah Liek and Lucille Scott preceded him in death.

Memorials may be directed to the Ewart Presbyterian Church and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.



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He is survived by three sons, Ronald Reams, Montezuma, William Reams, Vinton, and Larry Reams, Montezuma; nine grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Wayne Reams, and three sisters, Florence Johnston, Beulah Liek and Lucille Scott.

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