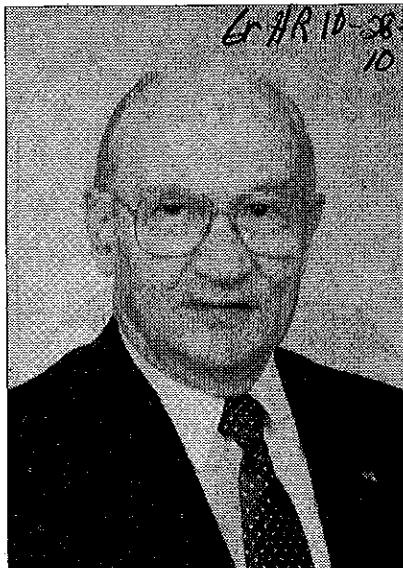


Maynard L. Raffety



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Visitation will be held Sunday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 3 to 5 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church or Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

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University in Providence, R.I.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1955, serving in Alaska as a rescue pilot. He continued as a private pilot until 2003.

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They moved to the Mayflower Community in 2009.

Maynard was a member of First Baptist Church in which he filled many positions. He also served many other organizations including county chairman of the National Farmers Organization, Lions Club, Fortnightly Club, a member of the boards of directors of Grinnell Regional Medical Center and Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation, Grinnell-Newburg School District board of directors, including seven years as president, and as an honorary member of Grinnell-Newburg Education Association.

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He is survived by his wife Eloise of Grinnell; four daughters, Carla Pence of Cleveland, N.C., Janet Fort of Northville, Mich., Marilyn Kennett of Grinnell and Sara Peek of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Carolyn Knutson of St. Paul, Minn.; three brothers, Seymour Raffety of LaCrosse, Wis., Howard Raffety of Grinnell and Donald Raffety of Milwaukee, Wis.; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

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