JOHN C. DEMEULENAERE

Dr. John C. DeMeulenaere, 96, of Grinnell, died Dec. 21, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Mass of the Resurrection was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kreigel accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir. Pallbearers were John Kelly and David DeMeulenaere, Scot, Andrew, Pat and John Rainbolt, David Cassorla, and William Smith. Honorary bearers were Charles Bethel, Dr. Raymond Light, Merlin Manatt, Don Pederson, Paul Pelletier, Ned Postles, Robert Smith, Vic Verrette, Dr. Vic Wilson, and Wally Walker. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

John was born Sept. 2, 1915, on a farm, north of Brooklyn, the son of Clement and Mary Victoria Van De Walle DeMeulenaere. He attended rural school near his home and was a 1933 graduate of Brooklyn High School. He attended the University of Iowa and graduated from the medical school there in 1939. He was a veteran of the United States Army during W.W. II, serving in the South Pacific as a front line medic. Upon discharge from military duties in 1946, he lived in Detroit for a year serving his medical residency at St. Joseph's Hospital.

On July 2, 1947, he was united in marriage to Catherine Kelly, in Fort Madison, and the couple made their home in Grinnell. He practiced medicine in Grinnell for 40 years and retired in 1987.

John was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. He was also a member of the AMA, a life-member of the Iowa Medical Society, Grinnell Regional Medical Center staff, and served on the St. Francis Manor and Seeland Park Board. He enjoyed reading, traveling, and playing bridge.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy, of Grinnell; six children, Diane (Warren) Weber of Albuquerque, N.M., Katie (Scott) Rainbolt of Papillion, Neb., Ann Marie (David Cassorla) DeMeulenaere of Chicago, John Kelly DeMeulenaere of Grinnell, David DeMeulenaere of Aspen, Colo., and Joan (Doug) Stoiber of Pelham, N.Y.; one sister, Margaret (Stirnman) of Marion; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Carol DeMeulenaere; two sisters, Madeline White and Darlene DeMeulenaere; and one brother, Leonar DeMeulenaere.
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Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Interment at Hazelwood Cemetery will follow the funeral mass.

Details of the visitation are pending. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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A scripture service was held Monday at Smith Funeral Home and visitation was Monday evening.

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