

Edward P. Roche



Edward P. Roche, 79, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at the Grinnell Health Care Center.

Services and entombment will be in Turlock, Calif., on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. The family was present at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Edward was born on Nov. 29, 1932, in Antioch, Calif., to Manwel and Sally Morales Roche. He was raised and educated in Antioch. He also attended the University of Southern California.

He lived in Antioch, Brentwood and Eureka, Calif., before moving to Grinnell in 2005. He worked as a machinist in the pulp mill industry and retired from the Crown-Zellerbach Company.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Roche of Grinnell; one son, Larry Roche of Antioch; two daughters, Robin Custer of Antioch and Wendy Hornsby of Fortuna, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; his mother, Sally Pearson of Turlock; and one sister, Andrea Swanson, also of Turlock.

He was preceded in death by his father and one son, Daniel Roche.

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