Paul J. Strovers

Paul J. Strovers, 89, of Grinnell died April 26, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, May 11, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Christine Tinker officiating. Burial with military honors will be held in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Legion of Iowa Foundation.

Paul was born Aug. 3, 1922, in Lynnville, the son of Clarence and Beulah Van Zanty Strovers. He attended school in Lynnville and later graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1942. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II.

On May 16, 1942, he was united in marriage to Leona L. Shedenhelm, in Kahoka, Mo. Following the war, the couple made their home in Grinnell. He was employed at Maytag in Newton for many years and retired in 1980.

Paul was a Scout Leader of Pack 313 and then Scoutmaster of Troop 313 for over 40 years and during this time he assisted at the Grinnell Youth Center. He was a member of the Grinnell U.C.C.—Congregational, and of the Grinnell American Legion where he served in the honor guard and held many offices, including Commander. He also was an active member of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s holding many positions including Encampment and Patriarchs Militant.

Paul was a Good Samaritan. He volunteered hundreds of hours in the Grinnell community and he enjoyed helping others. He loved to dance, particularly ballroom and square dances and enjoyed watching sports.

Survivors include six children, Catharine (Hank) Wehrman of Luzerne, Iowa, Evan Strovers of Sunnyvale, Calif., Dennis (Carol) Strovers of Gravette, Ark., Karen Strovers of Grinnell, Richard Strovers of Milford, Conn., and Nicholas Strovers of Virginia Beach, Va.; 19 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Leona in 2006; his son Paul II in 2007; and his brother, Edward.