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9-346-2012 Lyle O. Wiley

Lyle O. Wiley, 96, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at the Grinnell Health Care Center.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 8, 2012, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Dennis Smith, pastor of the Madison Church of Christ, officiating. Casket bearers will be his grandsons, David Keller, Roger Keller, Dale Griffith, Roy Williams, Randy Williams, Rod Weiss, Jeffrey Kellogg and Neal Paton. Honorary bearers will be his granddaughters, Candace Griffith, Melinda Keller, Sue Keller, Rhonda Weiss, Christine Williams, Teresa Williams and Carrie Lee Kellogg. Interment will be at the Little Mount Baptist Cemetery near Montezuma.

The family will be present for visitation at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Lyle was born on March 9, 1916, near Malcom, Iowa, to John and Agnes Larsen Wiley. He was raised on the family farm and he attended school in Malcom.

On November 26, 1936, he was married to Florence James at the Little Mount Baptist Church near Montezuma. The couple operated various farms in Poweshiek County before moving to Grinnell in 1967. He worked as a custodian for Grinnell College and retired in 1981.

Lyle was baptized in the Methodist Church and later immersed in baptism in the Baptist faith. He was also a long-time member of the Madison Church of Christ near Brooklyn. Following his move to Grinnell he became a member of the First Baptist Church, where he taught a Sunday school class for over 19 years. He enjoyed reading his Bible and was a long-time member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. He was dearly loved by his family and respected by his friends.

Survivors include his three daughters, A. Marie (Laurel) Keller and Marlene (Raymond) Williams, both of Brooklyn, and Lois (LeRoy) Kellogg of Leawood, Kansas; 8 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Wayne Wiley of Grinnell and Garland Wiley of Oskaloosa; and one sister, Doris Hotchkin of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; his parents; one brother, Russell Wiley; three sisters, Fern Beyer, Lillian LeVake and Alice Wiley; and Doris Doud.

