

OBITUARIES

1-2-2013

Everett "Tiny" Carpenter, 85

Everett "Tiny" Carpenter, 85, of Grinnell, died Dec. 21, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Pallbearers were Ben Carpenter, Bryan Fank, Andrew Vest, Conor Carpenter, Dylan Carpenter and Matt Burges. Burial will be held at a later date at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Emmetsburg.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Tiny was born Dec. 17, 1927, in Emmetsburg, the son of Gordon and Mary Alma Duffy Carpenter. He was raised in Emmetsburg and was a 1946 graduate of Emmetsburg Catholic High School. Following his education, he was employed at Central Telephone Company in Emmetsburg.

He served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and after his discharge he returned to Emmetsburg where he was employed for 18 years with Lehman's Dairy. He later began his career with GTE in Emmetsburg and moved to Grinnell in 1983 where he continued working for the company. He retired in 1989, but for the last seven years was employed for the City of Grinnell managing the city brush dump.

On Sept. 28, 1957, he was united in marriage to Jean Westergaard, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Emmetsburg. A union of 55 years!

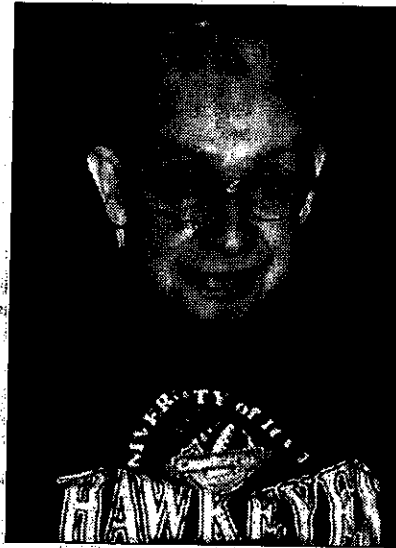
He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the American Legion.

Tiny was devoted to his family, dedicated to his work and held a strong faith. He was honest, trust-worthy and was well respected for his integrity. He was a sports enthusiast! The Notre Dame Fighting Irish, New York Yankees, Emmetsburg E Hawks and Iowa Hawkeyes were the teams he followed most. He held a passion for golf and played in several golf leagues during the season. He played, and later umpired, in a lot of fast-pitched softball games and was a referee in football and basketball for many years. He enjoyed coffee at Hardees and conversations about sports and politics.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Grinnell; four children, Terry (Diane) Carpenter of Papillion, Neb., Ken (Kathy) Carpenter of San Antonio, Texas, Kimberly (James) McNurlen of Grinnell, and Shelly (Rob) Vest of Grinnell; five brothers, Joseph Carpenter of Windom, Minn., Philip Basil (Mary) Carpenter of Council Bluffs, William (Alice) Carpenter of Seattle, Wash., Richard Carpenter of Ruthven and Robert (Mary Jane) Carpenter of Waukegan, Ill.; four grandchildren, Benjamin (Tiffany) Carpenter, Bryan (Carrie) Fank, Jessica (Matt) Burges and Andrew Vest; and three great-grandchildren, Conor and Dylan Carpenter and Lila Burges.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Linda Carpenter; two brothers, Vincent and Bernard Carpenter; two sisters, Agnes McAllister and Mary Margaret Wright; and one grandson, Jason Carpenter.

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Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 27, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 5:00 to 8:00 Thursday evening. A prayer service will be at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

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