

Floyd LaSalle Purvis

Floyd LaSalle Purvis, 94, of Grinnell, formerly of Kellogg, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 24, at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Grinnell Regional Hospice may be left at the funeral home.

Floyd, the son of Francis LeRoy and Essie Marie Hiatt Purvis, was born on May 14, 1919, in Moravia, Iowa. He graduated from Moravia High School in 1938, and served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945.

He married Maxine McBroom on Sept. 1, 1945, in Kellogg, where the couple made their home. Floyd worked at the Maytag Company for 30 years as a fork truck driver in shipping and receiving, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Newton, Local UAW 997, Kellogg Historical Society, and the Iconium Methodist Church. In 2009, Floyd and Maxine moved to Grinnell. Floyd was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Purvis of Grinnell; two daughters, Pamela Gibson and Denise Sedlock, both of Grinnell; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; his sister, Florene Brown of Centerville; brother, Freeman Purvis of Centerville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Judith Foster and Kathy Foster; one sister in infancy; and his three brothers, Ferrel, Francis, and Forrest Purvis.

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