

Rev. Daniel I. Ogata ^{GH-R}
10-6-2014



Rev. Daniel Ichiro Ogata, 95, of Grinnell, Iowa, passed away Monday September 29, 2014, at the Mayflower Care Center in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 12, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1025 Fifth Avenue in Grinnell. Pastor Kirsten Klepfer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell or McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Rev. Ogata was born August 9, 1919, to Japanese immigrant parents in Stockton, California. During World War II, he was sent to an internment camp for persons of Japanese ancestry in Rohwer, Arkansas. In 1952, he married Yuri Ogasawara, and was widowed in 1980. He graduated from Parsons College in 1955 with a B.A. in Humanities and then obtained his M. Div. from McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Ordained in the Presbyterian church in 1958, he served churches in Clinton, Fort Dodge, and Davenport, Iowa, and Edina, Minnesota, before being called to the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell in 1973. After he retired in 1985, he married Mary Hall Hartnell and continued doing interim pastorate work for several years. He served on committees for the Des Moines Presbytery and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Active in the community, he belonged to the Rotary Club in northern Iowa before joining Kiwanis, of which he was a member for over 40 years. He also belonged to the Fortnightly Club. He served as a market manager for the Grinnell Farmer's Market and organized the Kites Over Grinnell annual festival for five years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Lynn; step-daughters, Georgianna and Jennifer; step-sons, Todd and Christopher; twelve grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brother, James; and his sister, Dorothy Inouye. He was preceded in death by his parents, Yuri, his first wife, one brother, and one grandchild.

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Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell was in charge of arrangements.