Dr. Raymond Light, 88

Dr. Raymond Light, 88, of Grinnell, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 6, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell. Burial will be at Hazeldon Cemetery in Grinnell at a later date.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning noon on Thursday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the United Methodist Church in Grinnell and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Henry Raymond Light Jr. was born on March 9, 1926, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Henry Raymond Light Sr. and Fern Ondler. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1944. From 1944 to 1946, he served with the United States Air Force. Following the war, he returned home and enrolled at the University of Iowa.

He received a BA degree in 1950 from the University of Iowa and in 1951, he completed his studies at the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He was married to Rhea Brannam on August 3, 1946 in Brooklyn. After graduating from medical school, the couple lived in Youngstown, Ohio, where Raymond served as a medical intern. The family moved to Grinnell in 1954 and he served for over 40 years as a physician. He served as Chief of Staff at Grinnell General Hospital and later Grinnell Regional Medical Center on several occasions.

Raymond was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Grinnell Golf and Country Club and the American and Iowa Medical Associations. He was also a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, golfing and woodworking. He enjoyed spending time with his five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Rhea Light of Grinnell; two daughters, Sara (Tim) Pearson of Urbandale, IA and Susan (Al) Chinergen of Lenexa, KS; four grandchildren, Matthew Pearson, Jonathan (Anne) Pearson, Scott (Megan) Pearson, Christopher (Abby) Chinergen and Adam (Lauren Weber) Chinergen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, John C. Light; and one sister, Jane Mcllraith.