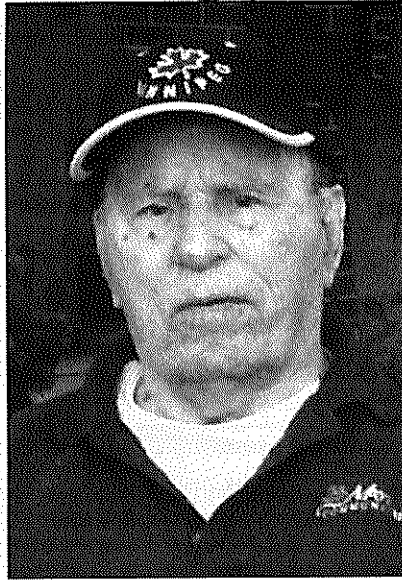


James Fyfe ^{64-R}
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James Fyfe, 91, of Grinnell, died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 12, at the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community. Interment will be at Westfield Cemetery, south of Grinnell.

The family will be present one hour prior to his service on Saturday at the Carman Center.

Memorials may be directed to the Mayflower Human Needs Fund or to the Lions Club and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.smithfh.com.

James was born on Oct. 31, 1924, to John and May Hislop Fyfe in Winnipeg, Canada. A few years later, the family moved to the Chicago area. He graduated from high school and went on to serve in the United States Coast Guard during WWII.

Following his graduation from Beloit College in Wisconsin, he began his journey in ministry and headed to Talas, Turkey, for a mission trip to teach English. On his way, he met Dorothy Grace Nilson. On June 23, 1952, they were married in Talas. In 1954, the couple moved to Chicago and James entered McCormick Theological Seminary University, where he received his Master of Divinity. The family returned to Turkey for more ministry work. In 1966, they returned to the United States and settled in Iowa. He spent 29 years serving small town churches throughout Iowa. He was also a member of the Lions Club.

James was an avid Chicago Cubs and Iowa State Cyclone fan. While living in Chicago, he helped clean up Wrigley Field after the games. He also helped at the Chicago Tribune, joking that he was their "copy boy." Upon returning to Iowa, he helped usher for the football games at the Jack Trice Stadium. In 2006, the couple moved to Grinnell. James was the opening bell ringer for the farmer's market for several years. His most recent accomplishment was being crowned as the Pirate Valentine King at the Mayflower.

He is survived by his sons, John Fyfe of Tinley Park, Ill., Paul Fyfe of Albuquerque, N.M., Tim Fyfe of Clear Lake and Stephen Fyfe of Pella; 13 grandchildren; six great grandchildren, with two more on the way; and one sister, Helen "Tootsie" Hall of Galena, Mo.

James was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy on June 8, 2010; and his sisters, Jean Peterson, Dolly Bentley and Betty Westphal.