Warren C. Louden, 94

Warren C. Louden, age 94, of Grinnell, died on Friday, February 6, 2016, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials in his name may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithf.com.

Warren Carl Louden was born August 24, 1921, in Jasper County, Iowa. He was the son of Carl Edward Louden and Minnie Mae Keil Louden. He received his education in the Newburg Consolidated School and graduated with the class of 1939.

On January 4, 1942, he was married to Eunice Kathryn Odell in the Calvary Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas. They farmed for 54 years northwest of Grinnell, in Jasper County, Iowa. In 1994 Warren and Kathryn moved to the Mayflower in Grinnell.

Warren was a member of the Newburg Congregational Church, and is now a member of the United Church of Christ, Congregational, Grinnell. At both churches, Warren served on various committees, as a Sunday school teacher and Superintendent, and as church moderator.

Warren was an active member of the Newburg Alumni Association, founding a Newburg Alumni scholarship, serving many years as coordinator of the project. Warren was also an active member of many farm organizations, including the Farm Bureau, and the Iowa Duroc Breeders Assn., the Iowa Corn and Soybean Associations, and the Pow-Jasper Farm Service Company Board of Directors, serving as president for five years. He was a charter member of the Iowa and National Pork Producers. He was a charter member of the Grinnell Ruritan Club and served as president and vice-president.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Donald, Charles and Hugh; and his wife of 73 years, Kathryn (8/28/2015). He is survived by his four children, Jerome (Barbara), Aurora, Ill., Rosemary (Richard) Ames, Framingham, Mass., Steven (Jane), Eau Claire, Wis., and Gregory (Barbara), Madison, WI; eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.