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On May 12, 1943, he was called to military duty and served as a medic with the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his military service he returned to Grinnell and began a 40 year career as a lineman with Iowa Southern Utilities. He also served as a volunteer fireman for the Grinnell Fire Department for 29 years. At the time of his death he was the oldest living former firemen in Grinnell.

Warren was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Elks Lodge, the Eagles Club, the American Legion, the Order of Eastern Star, the VFW and the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed camping and fishing as well as listening to stories about the activities and accomplishments of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Besides the love for his wife and family, he enjoyed serving the community and being of assistance to family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Gary (Mary) Miller of Enid, Okla., Linda (Steven) Harper of Fort Myers, Fla., and Donna Miller of Grinnell, Iowa; five grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Peak and Jane Thompson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor; his parents; two brothers; and four sisters.
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