GRINNELL RESIDENT

R. Wayne Dayton, 90


A funeral mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 17 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Rosary will be recited 3:30 p.m. Wednesday followed by a Vigil service at 4 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Memorial contributions in Wayne's honor may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or to the ALS Foundation.

OBITUARIES

FORMER MALCOM RESIDENT

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Funeral Services were held on August 17, 2017, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Luncheon was served at Michael J. Manatt Community Center in Brooklyn immediately following the funeral service, with the internment at the Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell following lunch.

Rosary and Vigil service and visitation was held on August 16, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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