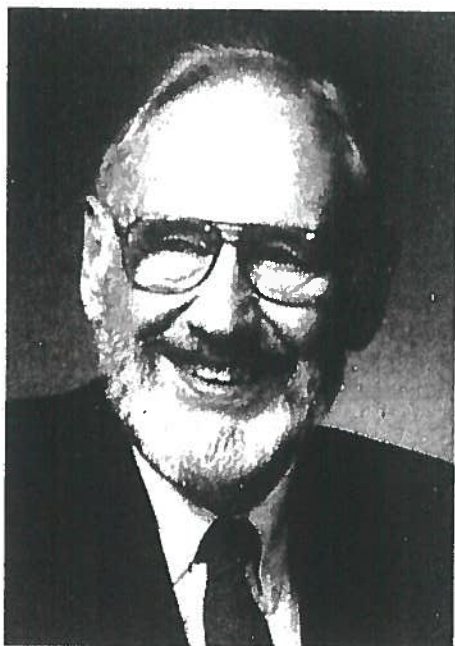


Max A. Smith



Max A. Smith, 89, of Grinnell died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church with private family interment at Hazelwood Cemetery. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit will present the United States flag to his family. His family will receive relatives and friends Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the church using the Park Street entrance. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Grinnell Regional Medical Center or the United Methodist Church.

He was born April 17, 1918, in Clemons, Iowa, to B.A. and Matie Van Metre Smith. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Liberty School, the first consolidated school in Iowa. He graduated in 1938 from Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Mo. He was employed as a hog buyer at Rath Packing Company in Waterloo before being drafted into the United States Army in April 1941. He was stationed in the European and

North African theaters of war and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He served as a battalion sergeant major and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Following his return from the war, he graduated from Iowa State University in 1949.

He was united in marriage with Dolores Larson on Oct. 23, 1949, in Moline, Ill., and they moved to Grinnell in 1950. He served as president of Poweshiek County National Bank, later named Brenton Bank, from 1966 to 1983. After the death of his wife, he was united in marriage with Nancy Rockhill on Jan. 2, 1997, in Warrensburg, Mo.

He served on the boards of directors of Grinnell General Hospital, Miracle Recreation Company, General Telephone Company of the Midwest, Greater Grinnell Development Corporation, Brenton Banks Inc., Brenton Bank of Grinnell and Knoxville Community National Bank.

He was past president of the Grinnell Jaycees, Grinnell Chamber of Commerce, Grinnell United Way, Grinnell Historical Museum board of directors, Grinnell Area Arts Council, Grinnell Kiwanis Club, Friends of Stewart Library, and the Iowa Humanities Board. He was appointed by Gov. Robert D. Ray to the Judicial Nominating Commission and chaired a fund drive to locate the Iowa Peace Institute in Grinnell. He also served on the Grinnell Civil Service Commission and was president of Mayflower Homes Residents' Association.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the Fortnightly Club and the Garden Club.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Rockhill Smith of Grinnell; one son Bruce Smith of Plainfield, Ill.; one daughter, Karna Bosman of Urbandale; four grandchildren; five stepsons and one brother, Gene Smith of Indianola. He was preceded in death by his first wife and his parents.

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