

The late Ed Sanders honored with final ride

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Retired Grinnell Volunteer Firefighter and former Associate Member, Ed Sanders, 76, was given a special ride to his final resting place at Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell.

The department's 1913 American LaFrance 'Old Betsy' carried Ed from Smith's Funeral Home to Westfield Cemetery for his graveside services on Monday, July 20.

Grinnell College Chaplain, Deanna Shorb, officiated the service.

Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department members served as pallbearers and honor guard. Driver, Firefighter, Jed Petersen, played the bagpipes.

Following the service, Grinnell Volunteer firefighter/active association

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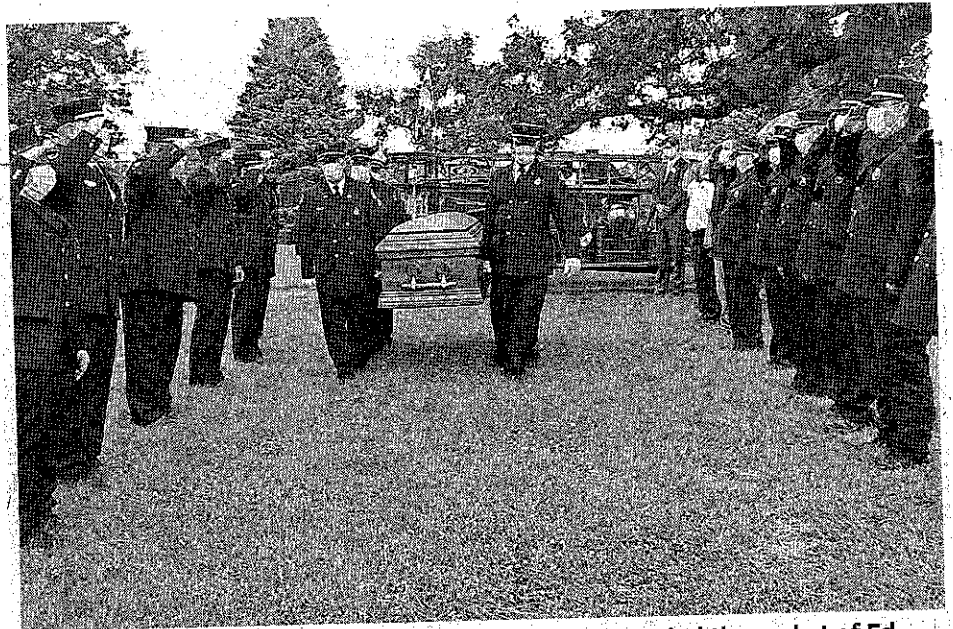
member David Thompson presented the family with a Grinnell Fire Department gravemarker.

Ed was a long-time volunteer firefighter at the Grinnell Fire Department and after retiring from firefighting duties, he served as an active associate member helping at the yearly fire prevention breakfast and other special events.

Ed was born on June 9, 1944, in Montezuma, the son of Wendell Wayne and Betty Louise Sanders. He was raised in Montezuma and was a 1962 graduate of Montezuma High School. He later attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids where he took classes in drafting.

On June 1, 1963, he was united in marriage to Gerri Burkett, at the Malcom Methodist Church. The couple lived in Grinnell where they raised their two sons. For many years, Ed was employed as an electrician at Grinnell College, while working part-time for Burkett Roofing Company. He later was employed with Midwest Lock Company in Des Moines and most recently as a driver for Wes Finch Auto Plaza.

Survivors include his wife, Gerri, son Mark Sanders, siblings, Harold Sanders and Jane (Kenny) Vargas and grand

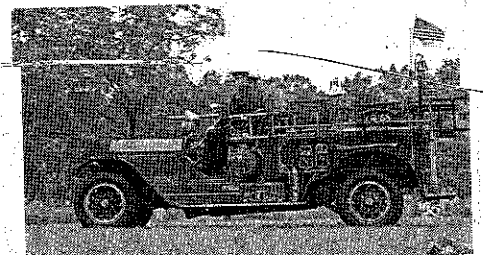


Members of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department carried the casket of Ed Sanders through Westfield Cemetery for his graveside services on July 20.

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children, Breanna, Jena, Gage and Jacob Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Matthew in 2010.

The Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department and Associate Members extend condolences and sympathy to Ed's family and friends and thank Ed for many years of dedication to the department and serving the community.

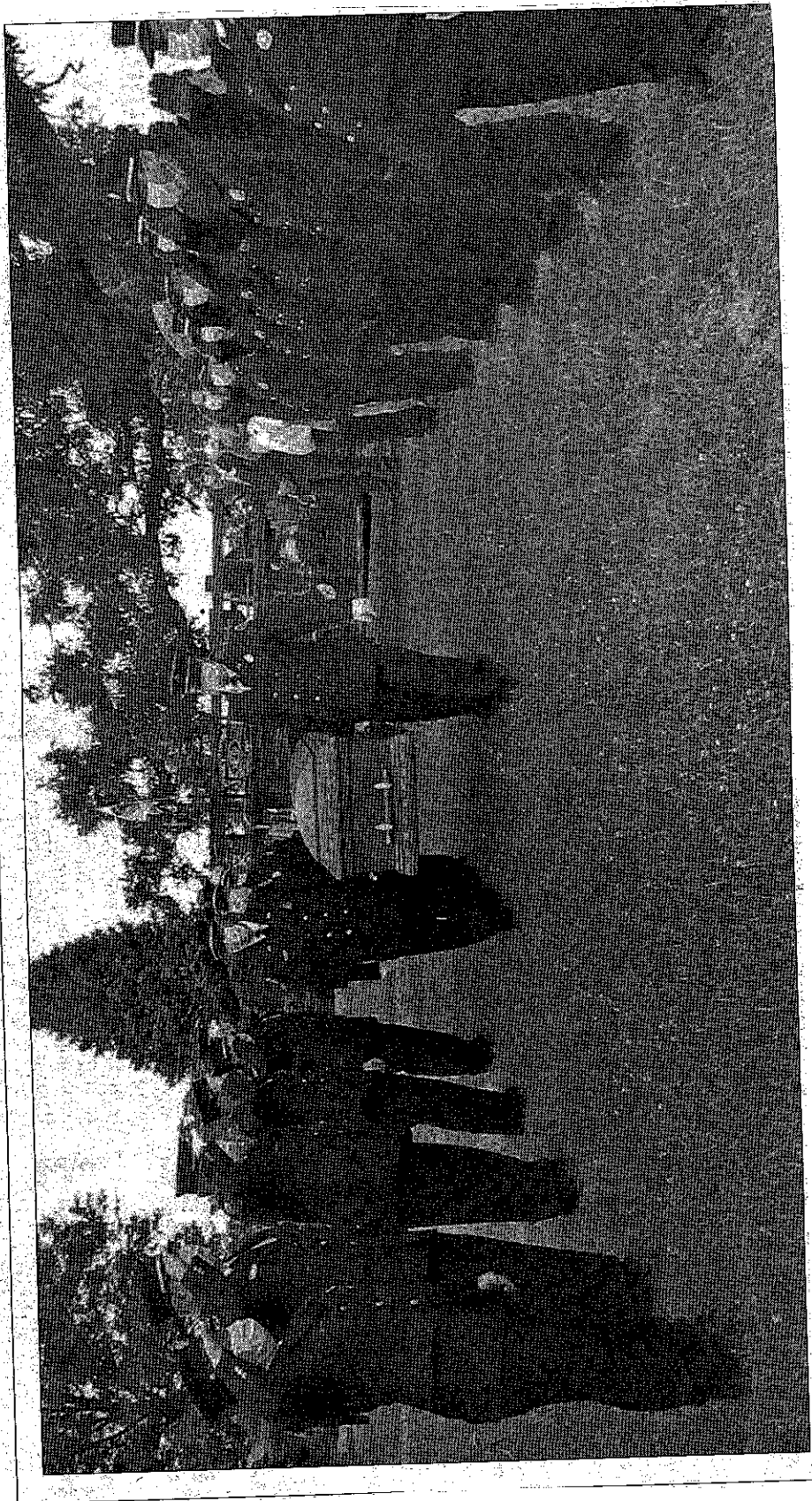


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Fire department lays to rest one of its own

The Grinnell volunteer fire department laid to rest one of its own on Monday, when members of the department played a featured role in graveside services held at Westfield Cemetery for retired Grinnell volunteer firefighter Ed Sanders. Sanders, 76, who was born June 9, 1944, in Montezuma, died July 14, 2020, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. Sanders was a long-time volunteer at the fire department, taking great pride in his duties there, and remained an active associate member of the department after his retirement from firefighting duties. Grinnell volunteer fire department members served as honor guard and pallbearers at the service, and Sanders' casket was carried by Old Betsy, the Grinnell Fire Department's historic 1913 American Lafrance. Grinnell fire department driver/firefighter Jed Petersen played the bagpipes at the ceremony, and after the graveside service, volunteer firefighter Dave Thompson presented the Sanders' family with a Grinnell Fire Department grave marker. — Photos courtesy of Duane McClun

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**Edgar Roy "Ed" Sanders
June 9, 1944 - July 14, 2020**

Edgar Roy "Ed" Sanders, 76, of Grinnell died on July 14, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A public graveside service and burial was held Monday, July 20th, at Westfield Cemetery, south of Grinnell, with Rev. Deanna Shorb, Grinnell College Chaplain, officiating. Pallbearers were members of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department.

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at the Grinnell Fire Department and took great pride in his duties there. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, especially at Diamond Lake near Montezuma, and cruising throughout America and Canada on his motorcycle. He loved his time shared on the road with Gerri and their friends!

Survivors include his wife, Gerri of Grinnell; his son, Mark Sanders of Grinnell; two siblings, Harold Sanders of Blue Springs, Missouri and Jane (Kenny) Vargas of Montezuma; and four grandchildren, Breanna, Jena, Gage, and Jacob Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Matthew in 2010.

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A public graveside service and burial is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 20th, at Westfield Cemetery, south of Grinnell, with



Rev. Deanna Shorb, Grinnell College Chaplain, officiating. Pallbearers will be members of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

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