

Pierce Comerford



Pierce Comerford, 96, of Grinnell died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at his home.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, May 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Pall bearers were Christopher and Samuel Comerford, John Devereaux, Dave Gallagher and Mark and Ron Schmitz. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The son of Edward and Margaret Devereaux Comerford, he was born Oct. 7, 1909, in New Sharon. He made his home in Stuart for several years, then moved to a farm southwest of Grinnell in 1914. He attended Westfield/Grant #9 rural school, then was a 1927 graduate of St. Ambrose Academy in Davenport. He then returned to Grinnell to help his family farm.

He was married on Feb. 4, 1937, to Mary Schmitz in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple farmed in the Grinnell area for 36 years, then moved to Grinnell in 1973, after which he was employed by Wenco for several years.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and was active in Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Grinnell; one son Tom Comerford of Miami, Fla.; three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son William Comerford in 1991; three brothers, William, Alex and Francis Comerford and three sisters, Mary McGrory, Blanche Flanagan and Sister Maurita Comerford.