

Corwin Hadley

Corwin Hadley, 90, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, at his home.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Keith Briggs and the Rev. Todd Follette officiating. Casket bearers were Greg Hadley, Todd Milburn, Craig Strawser, Ron Strawser, Byram Vigars and Mike Vigars. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Quakerdale or to the Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church. Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.

He was born, the son of Riley and Estella Kenworthy Hadley on Sept. 17, 1916, in Sioux City. He was raised in Oskaloosa and Grinnell, graduating with the Grinnell High School Class of 1938. He was united in marriage with Thelma Elizabeth Johnson on Aug. 14, 1938, in Grinnell. They were the parents of four children William, Donna, Steven and Marcia. He farmed much of his life and following his retirement in 1981 worked for Northrup King as plant superintendent until 1991.

He was a member of HoneyCreek-New Providence Friends Church and First Friends Church in Grinnell. He served on several church committees, on the church board and was presiding clerk of the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends. He also was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Lawn Hill Cooperative, the Hardin County Extension Service and was a 4-H leader.

He was regarded as mechanically inclined and was an inventor. He constructed model airplanes by shape carving balsa wood. He enjoyed attending the Drake Relays and once competed there as an athlete in his youth. His hobbies also included rollerblading, skiing, aviation and golf.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Thelma Hadley of Grinnell; two sons, William Hadley of Ponca City, Okla., and Steven Hadley of Spring, Texas; two daughters, Donna Vigars of New Auburn, Wis., and Marcia Hughes of Spring, Texas; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mildred McDowell and Leona Hadley.

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