Clyde Lavern Jones

Clyde Lavern Jones, 88, of Grinnell, formerly of Lynnville, died Monday, Sept. 18, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 21, at Lynnville Friends Church with the Rev. Pete Schuler officiating. Interment was in Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville. Memorials may be made to the Lynnville Historical Society in care of First State Bank, Lynnville. Condolences may be sent online to www.smithfh.com.

He was born Nov. 27, 1917, in Lynnville, the son of William and Rosa Heki Jones. He was raised and educated in Lynnville, graduating from Lynnville High School with the class of 1935. He received the bachelor of science degree in education from Central College in Pella and took graduate work in summer courses at Drake University, Des Moines; the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville.

He enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II on Dec. 7, 1942, serving in the Naval Reserves for seven years as a lieutenant commander. He was united in marriage with Evelena Van Genderen on Oct. 6, 1960, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They resided in Lynnville all their lives where he taught math and science courses at Lynnville-Sully High School until his retirement in 1981.

He was a lifelong member of Lynnville Friends Church; a 25-year member of the Lynnville Lions Club; the National Education Association; the Iowa Education Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed fishing, waterfowl hunting, golfing and attending horse races. He also was an avid reader, spending much of his time reading about the Civil War. He also was proud of his three Brittany Spaniel hunting dogs.

He is survived by nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Evelena on Aug. 23, 1976; one son Stephen E. Jones and his sister Alice Renaud.
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Laverne is survived by his nieces and nephews, Donald Renaud of Kimberling City, Missouri, Charles Renaud of Middle Amana, Richard Renaud of Tonopah, Arizona, and Margaret Marshall of Phoenix, Arizona; and 11 nieces and nephews on the Van Genderen side.

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