Donald J. Renaud

Donald J. Renaud, 91, of Grinnell died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 1, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational with the Rev. Dr. Susan K. Weier, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Marcia Renaud and vocalists were Paul Renaud and Jennifer Boyle. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Emily Mowry, Laura Comstock, Beth Stuecher, Jennifer Boyle, Katie Holets and Justin, Devin and Sean Wells. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mayflower Homes or to Rotary International and sent to Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell Iowa 50112.

He was born on July 14, 1916, in Bangor Township, Marshall County, to John and Beulah Johnson Renaud. He was raised on a farm in Bangor Township and attended rural school. He graduated with the Class of 1933 from Union High School and attended Iowa State University in Ames. During World War II he served with the United States Army.

On June 8, 1941, he was married to Alice Piper in Albion. The couple resided near Newburg where he operated a grain and livestock farm. The Renauds have resided at Mayflower Homes for the past ten years.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell. He served on various committees of the church, and also was a member of the Poweshiek County Cattlemen's Association and Grinnell Rotary Club. In addition, he was past president of the Grinnell-Newburg School Board and Grinnell Regional Medical Center board of trustees.

He is survived by his wife Alice of Grinnell; one son, Paul Renaud of Davenport; two daughters, Janet Liston of Dublin, Ohio, and Joann Wells of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren, and one sister, Lucille Soukup of Atlanta, Ga. He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Michelle Renaud.