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## Louis A. Smith



Louis A. Smith, 83, of New Sharon, died Monday, July 16, 2007, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 21, at 10 a.m. at Harden Funeral Home in

New Sharon with George Edgerly, pastor of the Grinnell Assembly of God, officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in Union Mills Cemetery. Visitation begins Friday at 10 a.m. at Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to New Sharon Assembly of God or to New Sharon Congregate Meals.

Louis Arthold Smith, son of Charles Andrew and Hazel Grace Lundy Smith, was born in Halfa, Iowa, on Nov. 2, 1921. His father died when he was young and his mother later married Miles "Pete" Groves. He graduated from high school in 1940, then worked in the local grocery store. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1941 and was assigned to the cruiser USS Birmingham. He saw action in the Mediterranean during the invasion of Sicily, but spent much of the war in the Pacific, participating in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries

suffered from an explosion of the USS Princeton.

He was married on June 15, 1947, to Helen Irene Price, and the couple farmed near New Sharon. They had six children, Charles Lynn, Linda Kay, Nancy Lou, Gary Ray, Jeffrey Dean and Lori Ann. The family moved to a farm near Malcom before moving to the Grinnell area in 1970. In 1973 they purchased an acreage near Oakland Acres which included a 20,000-hen egg-laying facility, and lived there until retiring and returning to New Sharon in 1990.

They were loyal members of the Assembly of God Church. Mr. Smith was a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Grinnell Assembly of God for many years before attending the New Sharon church which he served as custodian for many years. He was recognized in 2006 with a Governor's Volunteer Award for his work with the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs. He served on the board of directors for the Seneca Area on Aging as well as volunteering at the local Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Helen; six children, 13 grandchildren, two step grandsons and ten great grandchildren; one sister, Alma E. Smith and one brother, Herschel L. Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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