

Warner E. Renaud



Warner E. Renaud, 91, of Rochester, Minn., and formerly of Grinnell died on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

Funeral services were held for Warner Renaud today (Monday) at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, officiating and eulogist Linda Renaud. Music was provided by Kathleen Heffner and Sarah Hamilton. Casket bearers included Tom Renaud, Bill Renaud, Dick Rinearson, John Trnka, Mike Trnka, Brent Renaud, Scott Renaud and Alex Renaud. A flag presentation was conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Born on Aug. 3, 1916, in Grinnell, he was the son of Earl W. and Lydia Vanenkamp Renaud. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1934 and began working on the family farm.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and trained for intelligence work. Following Pearl Harbor, he was on the first military transport ship to Europe. He was stationed in Ireland and later deployed to Africa. He saw action in North Africa and Italy and was wounded in the Italian campaign. He spent 11 months in military hospitals before returning to Grinnell.

He married Ruth Frances Menun on Oct. 10, 1946, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm near Grinnell until he retired in 1984.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Farm Bureau and the Chester Royal Grange. He enjoyed fishing and in later years spent evenings driving country roads near Rock Creek State Park and the Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve, watching the abundant whitetail deer.

He is survived by two sons, Tom Renaud of Fayette, Mo., and Bill Renaud of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Patty Trnka of Rochester, Minn., and Linda Renaud of Huron, S.D.; three grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and several nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. He was pre-

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