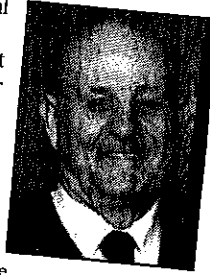


Fred Martin, 84

Fred Martin, 84, of Grinnell died April 4, 2009, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Pastor David Easley, pastor of the Hercules Community Church in Bradleyville, Mo., officiating. Organist was Pam Gaskins, and vocalist was Sara Tetter. Pallbearers were David and Chris Hoffstetter, Jeremy Loftin, Todd and Jason Campbell, and Brad Cranmer. Honorary bearers were Jill Baker, Jennifer Thompson, Angie Trahan, Alan Logan, Carrie Bianco, and Payton, Kaelin, Ryanne and Tate Martin. Burial was in Westfield Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.



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Fred was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Deep River, the son of William and Verna Neal Martin. He was raised on a farm near Deep River, and moved to Grinnell with his family in 1941. He attended rural schools near his home.

On Feb. 7, 1942, he was united in marriage to Ruth Criswell, in Lancaster, Mo. The couple moved to Cedar Rapids and he was employed by Quaker Oats prior to returning to the Deep River area in 1943, where he was employed for several years as a hired hand. In 1953, they moved to their current residence in Grinnell. Fred was employed as a plumber for Home Services, and later, Ritter's Plumbing and Heating until 1973, when he owned and operated Martin Plumbing and Heating. He retired in 2000.

Fred was a dedicated husband and father. He enjoyed working with his hands and restoring antiques. He was devoted to his religious beliefs and was a life-long member of the Northside Friends Church in Grinnell. He loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of Grinnell; five children, Betty (Burns) Logan of Lake Charles, La., Carolyn (Jim) Hoffstetter of Searsboro, Linda (Roger) Loftin of Malcom, Anna (Mike) Campbell of Grinnell, and Mark (Kellie) Martin of Grinnell; two sisters, Irene Hicks of Montezuma, and Myrna Phelps of Gillette, Wyo.; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fred was diagnosed with cancer in 2003, and had been under the care of his wife, and Grinnell Regional Hospice, until the morning of his death, April 4.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lyle and Billy Martin; and two sisters, Louise Post and Betty Martin.

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A funeral service will take place Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.