

Virgil E. Palmer

Virgil E. Palmer, 91, of Grinnell died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of a sudden illness.



A funeral service was held Thursday, July 31, at Newburg-Chester Congregational Church in Newburg, with Walter Claussen, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was in Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell. Memorials may be made to the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church. On-line condolences may be submitted to his family at www.smithfh.com.

The son of George and Aletha Dimit Palmer, he was born March 3, 1917, in Newburg. He was raised on the family farm near Newburg and graduated from Newburg High School with the class of 1935. He was united in marriage with Ruth Bohstedt on June 18, 1954, in the First Baptist Church in Grinnell. They resided in Newburg and farmed for most of their lives together. Upon retirement, they moved into Grinnell. He was an insurance salesman with the Palmer Insurance Agency and Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Company in Grinnell. They enjoyed many years with their friends and family at Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma.

He was a member of the Farm Bureau and Newburg-Chester Congregational Church with which he was active in its choir and as director of its junior choir. He was considered a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed traveling to Chicago annually to watch Cubs' games at Wrigley Field with his family. He also enjoyed a morning cup of coffee at Hardee's, visiting with friends.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ruth Palmer of Grinnell; his daughters and son, Kathy Hickman and Kris Morgan of Des Moines and

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Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home.

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