Don Seeley

Don Seeley, 88, of Grinnell formerly of the Afton, Iowa, area, died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Powers Funeral Home in Afton officiated by the Rev. Steve Miller and Pastor Jim Morris. Private burial will be at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Afton at a later date. Open memorial visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2009, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., with a Masonic memorial service at 6:30 p.m. at Powers Funeral Home 612 N. Dodge, Afton.

Memorials are to the Afton United Methodist Church or Grinnell Regional Hospice. Online condolences may be given under the obituary category at www.powersfh.com.

Donald H. Seeley, son of Imogene Hollibaugh and Frank E. Seeley, was born Nov 6, 1920, on the family farm four miles north of Afton. He graduated from Afton High School in 1938, then went on to take night classes from Southwestern Community College.

On Sept. 2, 1945, he was united in marriage with Virginia Briggs in Osceola. He lived and worked on the family farm most of his life. After retirement in 1993 he moved to Bella Vista, Ark. Later in 2001 he moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell to be near family.

He was active in many organizations in Union County throughout his lifetime, including the Masonic Lodge which he served as worshipful master, secretary and district secretary, and a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church which he served as treasurer, lay leader, Sunday School teacher and secretary.

Survivors include Virginia, his wife of 64 years; his daughter DiAnne Lillie of Grinnell; two sons: Greg Seeley of Overland Park, Kan. and Scot Seeley of Afton; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Howard and Kenneth Seeley, and a sister, Marjorie Coon.