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Henry Alter services held

F. Henry Alter, 73, of 607 Pearl St., Grinnell, died Sunday at St. Francis Manor. He had been in failing health for the past few months. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Damon Reese, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Julia Pearce. Pallbearers were his grandsons: Bernard Alter, Michael Halterman, Robert Halterman, Kenneth Shook Jr., Philip Starr, and Gary Alter. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit performed veterans rights at the funeral home. Burial was at the Cottonwood Cemetery near Coppock.

The son of Thorton Elijah and Alma May Cook Alter, he was born Nov. 21, 1905, at Wayland. He attended school at Wayland.

On Oct. 23, 1930, he was married to Bessie I. Gholson at Mt. Pleasant. They continued to make their home at Wayland. The couple had three children, Richard, Bonnie and Dean. Mrs. Alter preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 1938.

While in Wayland, Mr. Alter drove a grain and coal truck. Following his service with the U.S. Army during World War II, he was married to Maggie Emperly Morris Large on Oct. 23, 1948. They came to Grinnell in 1950, and Mr. Alter was employed by Norris and Hays Plumbing and Heating and the city of Grinnell. He later worked for Ahrens Manufacturing. While in Grinnell, he was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion.

Survivors include his children, Richard T. Alter of Independence, Mo., Mrs. Robert (Bonnie) Halterman of Newton, and F. Dean Alter of Newton; 12 grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Bernard (Margaret) Shelangowski of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Al (Adalide) Stites of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Virgil (Myrtle) Starr of Coppock. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild; two sisters, Ruth Hildebrand and Pearl Alter; and one brother, Almond Alter.