

Melvin Armstrong

Melvin H. Armstrong, 80, of Grinnell died of a heart ailment Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist will be Marty Duffus. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

He was born June 3, 1919, in Sioux Falls, S.D. He was raised on a farm near Salem, S.D., and attended rural schools. He served with the Merchant Marines during World War II.

He was married to Viola M. Ruble April 19, 1948, in Grinnell. They lived in Marion, S.D., and Brooklyn before moving to Grinnell in 1953.

Mr. Armstrong was employed as a press operator for the Donaldson Co. from 1952 to 1983. He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the United Auto Workers.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Steven of Kent, Wash., and Timothy of Grinnell; three daughters, Ginger Sterk and Melanie Belcher, both of Grinnell, and Crystal Wahl of Newhall; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, two sisters and one brother.

H. R. January 20, 2000