

Robert Ashby rites Tuesday

Robert T. Ashby, 89, of Grinnell died Thursday, Feb. 18, at Friendship Manor where he had lived since 1981.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Craig A. Peters of the Kellogg United Methodist Church officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist will be Steven Fritz.

Pallbearers will be Alfred, Harry and Larry Ashby, Craig and Dan Jackson and Ron Nelson. Honorary bearers will be Robert W. Ashby, Harold Churchill, Gus Kaisand and Myron White.

Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery. Memorials may be left at the funeral home.

The son of Robert M. and Mary Jane Gay Ashby, he was born in Oskaloosa on May 17, 1898. At the age of 1, he came with his family to a farm north of Lynnville in Richland

Township, Jasper County. He attended rural school. He was a graduate of Grinnell High School and attended Grinnell College.

On March 12, 1919, he was married to Lucille Stanley at Newton.

Mr. Ashby was a charter member of the Bethel Grange. He was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, the Jasper County Farm Bureau and the Richland Township ASC Committee. He had lived on the family farm for 74 years before coming to Grinnell in 1973.

He is survived by a daughter, Mabel Jackson of Rte. 2, Kellogg; a son, Stanley T. of Rte. 2, Kellogg; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1969, one granddaughter, his parents, and two brothers, Henry and Arthur.