

Ross Barber rites Monday

Ross A. Barber, 81, of 1205 Summer St., Grinnell, died of cancer Friday, March 27, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harold A. Schlink, interim pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Princeton, Mo. Fraternal rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Odd Fellows lodge.

The son of Charles and Ollie Ellen Moore Barber, he was born on June 17, 1905, in Mercer County, Mo. He attended public schools in Lineville.

On June 9, 1935, he was married to Ruth Phillips in Leon, and the couple lived in Griswold, Bethany, Mo.,

Kahoka, Mo., and Sidney before coming to Grinnell in 1952. Mr. Barber worked for Iowa Continental Telephone and Iowa Telephone and Telegraph here and was promoted to plant superintendent in 1957. He later worked as a field engineer for GTE-Midwest, retiring as an engineering assistant in June 1970.

He was a past noble grand of the I.O.O.F. lodge and a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; three sisters, Cecile Laing and Edna McCoy of Chariton and Frankie Wells of Lafayette, Colo.; and a brother, Fred Barber of Knoxville. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Pallbearers were Vern Brooke, Wendell Laing, Weston Laing, James R. North, Lester W. Osborn and

Maynard Raffety. Honorary bearers were W.T. Autry, Harold Brown, John Doud, Donovan Evans, Dr. K.L. Hoefert, Arthur O. McDowell, John J. McIntosh, LaForest Sherman, Harris Stafford and Willard Wells.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of Grinnell Lodge No. 358, I.O.O.F. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Princeton, Mo., with the Rev. Norris A. Ramsey officiating.