

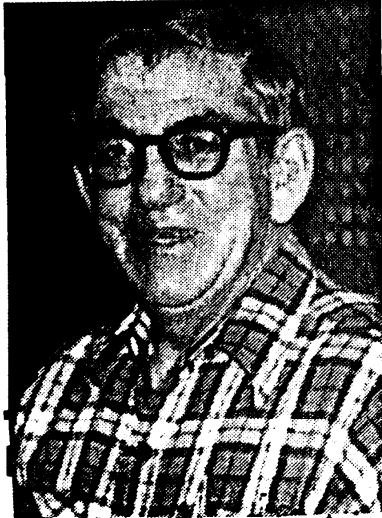
Former Fire Chief David Barns, 75, dies

David K. Barns, former Grinnell fire chief, died Monday, March 2, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Barns served as fire chief from 1978 to 1987 and had been a volunteer firefighter since 1952.

Funeral services were conducted
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Thursday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Judy Wadding officiating. Soloist was Mary Duffus, and organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Jim Ahrens, Ted Clausen, Ken Conner, Darrel Lamb, Tom Law and Larry Wray.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Barns was born May 6, 1922, in Grinnell, the son of William D. and Florence Mae Keller Barns. He was raised and educated here and was a 1940 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his discharge from the service, he returned to Grinnell and was employed for several years by the Grinnell Shoe Company and, later, with Peter Pan Bakery.

He was married to Margaret Milligan March 27, 1947, and the couple continued to live in Grinnell. Mr. Barns was a long-time salesman for Strand's Bakery.

He was named acting volunteer fire chief in 1967. Following his retirement from the bakery, he began serving as full-time fire chief.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Skip of Hannibal, Mo., Jim of Cedar Rapids and Jerry of Grinnell; one brother, Calvin of Grinnell; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Glen; and one sister, Ada Goreham.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department.