

Clayton L. Beam, Former Resident, Dies In Nevada

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Clayton L. Beam, 49, died suddenly Friday at Las Vegas, Nev., where he made his home.

He was the son of Glen E. and Myrtle Halbert Beam and was born in Grinnell on Feb. 2nd, 1917. Following his education in the local schools, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy where he served for 12 years in many areas of the world.

After his Navy service he enlisted with the U. S. Air Force for 10 years, where he had served as a Master Sergeant in Criminal Investigation. He had also worked as a security interrogator at the missile site at Long Polk, Calif. At the time of his death, he had accepted a position as a security investigator in Vietnam.

On Feb. 21st, 1943, he was united in marriage with Christine A. Brown at Quincy, Mass. He is survived by his wife at the home in Las Vegas; his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Seward of Grinnell; one brother, George Beam of Grinnell; one sister, Mrs. Virgil (Betty) Innis of Grinnell; and one half-brother, Lester Hill Jr. of Fairfield, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday from the Smith Funeral Home here with the Rev. Ronald Rain, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Eugene Holley.

Pallbearers will be AFROTC cadets from Grinnell College. American Legion graveside rites will be conducted by William Richardson and Jack Day and members of the Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, Grinnell American Legion ceremonial unit.

Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning Tuesday evening.