



**Floyd Beaver**

Dr. Floyd E. Beaver, 69, longtime veterinarian and mayor of Grinnell from 1964 to 1984, died Friday evening, Jan. 12, at Grinnell General Hospital of complications from cancer.

The body has been cremated. Memorial services were held Monday at the United Methodist Church, with Diane Wasson officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Inurnment of the ashes will be held at a later date.

Memorials have been established at Grinnell General Hospital and the United Methodist Church.

The son of Floyd Joseph and Ida Ella Shephard Beaver, he was born March 18, 1920, at Olathe, Kan. He graduated from DeSoto High School, DeSoto, Kan., and in 1944 received the doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Kansas State University, Manhattan.

He was married to Jean Lorraine Oberst Jan. 9, 1945, in McPherson, Kan.

A specialist in small-animal surgery, he was an instructor in that subject at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and in 1947 became a veterinarian for a New Jersey dairy association.

Later in 1947, he established a veterinary medicine practice in Grinnell which he continued until his retirement in 1979 when he became a district veterinarian for the state of Iowa. He retired from the state post in 1986.

He was a member of the Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education from 1952 to 1957 and was a member of the Grinnell City Council from 1960 until 1964 when he was elected mayor. He was an active member of the Grinnell

United Methodist Church and was a Cub Scout master for Cub Scout Pack 313 at the church. He was a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Grinnell Rotary Club and had served with the District 600 Rotary International foreign exchange student program.

He was a member of Grinnell Elks Lodge No. 1266, the Grinnell Country Club, and the board of directors of Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan Association which he was serving as vice chairman.

He was a member of the Iowa Veterinary Medicine Association and served as its president in 1964. He was a member of the Iowa Veterinary Medicine Examining Board from 1965 through 1968. In 1974 he was honored by his profession with the Iowa Veterinary Medicine Association President's Award. He was a member of the American Veterinary Medicine Association and served on its executive board from 1968 through 1972.

Dr. Beaver is survived by his wife Jean; three sons, Paul Joseph of Topeka, Kan.; Steven Alan of Bondurant, and John Curtis of Harrisburg, Pa.; three grandchildren; and four brothers, George J. of Independence, Kan., Dr. Earl S. of Pine Bluff, Ark., J. Orion of Boulder, Colo., and Fred of Stockton, Mo.

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Floyd Beaver is shown on his horse during the United States Bicentennial parade in Grinnell in 1976. He was mayor of Grinnell at the time.