

Fred P. Blake

Fred P. Blake, 67, died Wednesday evening, April 14, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral Services for Mr. Blake were set for 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 20, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Cliff Bevins of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell, officiating. James L. Severe was set to provide organ music, with Milton Severe as soloist.

Committal services were scheduled for 3 p.m. the same day at Union Cemetery in Iowa Falls, with The Rev. Thomas R. Butler of the First Baptist Church in Iowa Falls officiating.

Born Aug. 26, 1924 in Pawnee, Okla., he was the son of Edward L. and Ada M. Swanson Blake. He attended a rural school near his family farm home, and entered the U.S. Army in 1943, serving with the cannon company of the 341st Infantry.

He married Thelma Arlene Remhof on March 29, 1947, in Goodland, Kan. They later moved to Waukegan, Ill., where he worked as a machine setting superintendent for Tirabassi Construction.

He retired in 1984 and the couple moved to Grinnell to make their home.

He was a member of the Grinnell First Baptist Church and the Focht-Tennant American Legion Post #53, and was a retired member of the #1693 Millwright Local Union of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife; three brothers, Bill of Bettendorf, Floyd of Perry, Fla, and Robert of Knoxville; his children, Larry Blake of Phoenix, Ariz., Sandra Smith of El Cajon, Calif; and Fred Blake of Kenosha, Wis.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Gary.

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