

Arthur Boeke

Arthur Boeke, 95, of Hubbard, the father of Dr. Peter Boeke of Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Saturday, Oct. 2, at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital in Iowa Falls.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Zion United Church of Christ in Hubbard, with the Rev. John E. Saxon officiating. Burial was in Hubbard Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 8, 1903, in Hubbard to Henry and Lizzie Hoelscher Boeke. He was a 1922 graduate of Hubbard and received a degree in pharmacy from the University of Iowa in 1926.

He worked at Union Drug Store for eight months, then at Stephan Drug in Marshalltown until 1929. He bought into Boylan Drug in Hubbard, changing the name to B&B Pharmacy. Five years later, he bought out S.S. Boylan and operated the store for 41 1/2 years, retiring at the age of 67.

After retirement he did relief work as a pharmacist at Iowa Falls Hospital, Hampton Hospital, Anderson Drug and Marks Drug in Eldora, as well as at drug stores in Hampton, Ackley, Cresco and Stanhope. He received his 50-year certificate from the Iowa Pharmacist Association in 1978. He also earned 50-year honors from the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star.

He was married to Golda Reece Sept. 4, 1927, in Marshalltown. The couple had three children. Mrs. Boeke died in 1976.

He was married to Edna Mae Reece Sept. 9, 1977. She died in 1989.

Mr. Boeke was a member of his church board, served on the Hubbard School Board and the Hubbard City Council. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star and was a charter member of the Lions Club. He served as a Sunday school teacher for many years and worked with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. He was the first contributor and became the first resident of the Hubbard Care Center in April 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Peter of Grinnell and Thomas of Spirit Lake; one daughter, Susan Brinkmeyer of Hubbard; one stepson, George Reece of Mesa, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Martin of Cresco; and one sister, Ruth "Tootie" Larson of Hubbard. He was preceded in death by his parents, his two wives and two brothers, Oscar and Elmer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hubbard Care Center or his church.

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