

Herb Borkenhagen

Herb Borkenhagen, 83, of 535 Main St., Grinnell, died of Alzheimer's disease Sunday, Feb. 15, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud.

Cremation followed the service.

He was born Aug. 22, 1914, in Wheelock, N.D., to Fred and Paulina Jolitz Borkenhagen. He was raised on a farm near Ray, N.D., and attended rural school.

He was married to Mildred McCaulley March 21, 1944, in California. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. The couple then farmed near Ray.

Mr. Borkenhagen worked as a livestock inspector for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and lived in various communities in North Dakota. The family moved to Grinnell in 1965, and he continued to work with the USDA. He also owned a dry-cleaning and laundry business. He had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since May 1997.

He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Don of Branson, Mo., and Bob of Decorah; three daughters, Linda Heebner of Alpharetta, Ga., Kay Middlestead of West Fargo, N.D., and Dianne Billman of Indianapolis, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Elsie Knox.

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