

H-R February 24, 1997

Kenneth Clifton

Kenneth J. Clifton, 75, of Grinnell died Saturday, Feb. 22, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel I. Ogata officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and pallbearers will be David Cooper, Randy Cooper, Joel Clifton, Jerry Carter, Larry Hall and Tom Varnum.

Veterans ceremonial rites will be conducted by members of Focht-Tennant American Legion Post No. 53 of Grinnell, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Charles Arthur and Carrie Elizabeth Renshaw Clifton, he was born May 14, 1921, in Grinnell, where he was raised and

received his education. He served with the U.S. Army During World War II in the European Theater.

He was married to Dorothy Hicks Oct. 20, 1946, in Grinnell. Mr. Clifton was an independent painting and wall-covering contractor.

Surviving are his wife; two children, Sandy Cooper and Nancy Clifton, both of Grinnell; one sister, Jeanette Coon of Hibbing, Minn.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He considered his nephew, Ray Clifton Jr. of Grinnell, as a brother.

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Memorial contributions in Mr. Clifton's name may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Ivy Hill Cemetery Association in Malcom.

MR February 26, 1997

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Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Daniel I. Ogata of Grinnell, officiating. Margaret Wheeler was the organist. Music selections were "Amazing Grace" and "Sheltered In The Arms of God". Casketbearers were David Cooper, Randy Cooper, Joel Clifton, Jerry Carter, Larry Hall and Tom Varnum. Burial was in the Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with veterans ceremonial rites performed by members of the Focht-Tennant American Legion Post #53 from Grinnell with Bret Crowl on trumpet.

Kenneth J. Clifton, son of Charles Arthur and Carrie Elizabeth Renshaw Clifton, was born on May 14, 1921, in Grinnell, where he was raised and received his education. He was married to Dorothy Hicks on October 20, 1946, in Grinnell. He was a life-long resident of Grinnell and was employed for many years as an independent painting and wallecovering contractor. He was also a veteran of the United States Army, during World War II he served overseas in

the European Theater.

Kenny's life was centered around his family and his love and devotion for them was very evident. He absolutely adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He held a passion for working on cars and carpentry. He was very handy around the home and was always involved in a project of some sort. He was a major fan of Dale Earnhart and auto racing, and boxing. He enjoyed reading and most western movies. He will be remembered for his good-natured disposition and wonderful sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ray Clifton; and a granddaughter, Teresa Ann Cooper.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Grinnell; two children and their spouses, Sandy and Larry Cooper and Tom and Nancy Clifton, all of Grinnell; one sister, Jeanette Coon of Hibbing, Minn.; five grandchilddren; and eight great-grandchildren. He considered his nephew, Ray Clifton, Jr., of Grinnell, as a brother.

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