

Jerry Criswell ^{2/28} Services Today ₇₁

Jerry Allen Criswell, 30, of Ruthven, Iowa, died suddenly at the Pala Alto Community Hospital in Emmetsburg Monday evening of an apparent heart condition. He was the son of Mrs. Leone Gropper and Raymond Criswell, both of Grinnell, and was born on July 16, 1940.

He attended the Dyke and Malcom schools and graduated from Malcom High School in 1958. He attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, receiving his degree in 1966. On Aug. 4, 1961, he was married to Kennetha Smith at Searsboro. The couple had three sons—Gregory Allen, 8; Jeffrey Lee, 7; and Timothy Ray, 5.

Mr. Criswell coached basketball and physical education in the Twin Cedar Community schools at Bussey for three years before becoming associated with the Ruthven Community School this past year. While at Ruthven, he coached boys basketball, and was to have assumed the spring track coaching program.

Mr. Criswell was a member of the Malcom Methodist Church and a member of Lily Masonic Lodge No. 254, A.F. & A.M., in Malcom.

He is survived by his wife; his three sons; his father and mother; a brother, Frederick E. Criswell of Grinnell; a sister, Mrs. Roger (Karen Ann) Cope of Honey Creek; and a number of uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dohrn and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Criswell.

Funeral services were held at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Ruthven High School gym, with the Rev. F. G. Samek of the Ruthven United Methodist Church and Pastor Marlin Johnson officiating. Services in Grinnell were held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the United Methodist Church, with the Rev. F. G. Samek officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Arl Crews, Gary Fain, Ivan Hankin, Bill Logan, Dale McCammant and Charles Olson. Flower bearers were Mrs. Gary Fain, Mrs. Albert Facile and Mrs. Edward Eichhorn.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.