

Mr. Criswell rites Friday

H-R July 4, 1985
Raymond E. Criswell, 67, of Rte. 4, Grinnell, died Monday of injuries he sustained when crushed beneath the wheel of a tractor on the farm of his brother, Larry Criswell, five miles west of Grinnell. *July 1*

He died at Grinnell General Hospital where he was undergoing treatment for the injuries.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Pallbearers will be Kirby, Ronnie, Kevin, Brian, Dennis, and Neal Criswell. Burial will be in the veterans section of Hazelwood Cemetery, with graveside rites conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Masonic rites were conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Ray Criswell Memorial Fund.

The son of William Albert and Lela C. Dobbs Criswell, he was born Nov. 19, 1917 at Steubenville, Wayne County, Ky. He came to Iowa with his family and lived on a farm near Lynnville and, later, in the Oak Grove community where he attended rural school. He also attended Grinnell High School, after which he farmed near Eldora.

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During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy. Following his discharge he managed a Mobil station in Malcom, later moving to a farm near Fairfield. He also lived in Grundy Center while employed at the Rath Packing Co. in Waterloo. In 1954 he returned to the Grinnell area and farmed north of Malcom and in Chester Township. Since 1972 he had lived on his present farm in Washington Township south of Grinnell and was employed by Larry Criswell Enterprises.

Mr. Criswell was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion; Lily Masonic Lodge No. 254; and Holly Chapter No. 477, Order of Easter Star.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; one daughter, Karen Ann Cope of Seymour; one son, Fred of Rte. 4, Grinnell; two stepdaughters, Barbara Miller of Montezuma and Patricia Smith of Grinnell; 13 grandchildren; and five brothers, Roy of Reinbeck, Howard of Centerville, Rex and Bob of Kellogg, and Larry of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two stepdaughters.