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William C. Cunningham, 83, of 1227 Broad St. died at his home Thursday evening, Nov. 10, following an extended illness. *Nov. 9*

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Russell of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers will be Isodore Berman, William Cunningham, James Cunningham, Ronald Cunningham, Clark Jensen, Eldon Kephart, and David Thom. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Cunningham's name may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

The son of John and Mary Griggs Cunningham, he was born Oct. 27, 1900, at Leighton. In 1910 the family moved to Des Moines where he attended East High School.

He was married to Mildred Dean at Indianola on April 7, 1923. The couple continued to live in Des Moines where he was a representative of the Kurtz Co. and the Crane plumbing line.

In 1947, the couple came to Grinnell where Mr. Cunningham purchased the George and Hoyt plumbing business, continuing to operate the business as Cunningham Plumbing and Heating. He retired from the business in 1975.

Mr. Cunningham was a 50-year member of the Pioneer Masonic Lodge in Des Moines. He was also a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and a former member of the Rotary Club and Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; three children, Mary Lewis of Grinnell, Joann Nielsen of Oakley, Calif., and John W. Cunningham of Alden, S.C.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren; three sisters, Blanche Murphey, Madge Cunningham and Martha Davitt; and two brothers, James and Marion Cunningham.