

## Mr. Davidson rites today



William V. Davidson

3-9-1977  
William V. Davidson, 51, formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Walter E. Travis, at Bangor, Me. He had been ill with cancer for one year.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today at the Madison Christian Church, Rte. 2, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John E. Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, and the Rev. Charles Evans, pastor of the Madison Christian Church, officiating.

Should friends desire, they may contribute to a "living memorial" which will finance the planting of oak trees on the Madison Church property. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The son of William Leslie and S. Carolina Douthitt Davidson, he was born March 25, 1925, in Wichita Falls, Tex. Upon the death of his father in 1927, the family moved to New Wilmington, Pa., where he attended public schools.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the South Pacific during World War II and participating in the occupation of China at Tientsin. Following his discharge, he completed requirements for his high school diploma from Rayen High School, Youngstown, Ohio. He also attended Milligan College in Tennessee and Grinnell College.

On June 10, 1949, he was

married to Grace Lillian Lang of Grinnell. The couple had four children.

Mr. Davidson's first marriage ended in divorce. On Nov. 28, 1975, he was married to Frances Worthington of Monomgehala, Pa.

He was a salesman for Lang's Parlor Dairy in Iowa until 1952 when he became a sales representative for Curtis Companies, Inc. In 1958, he became a life insurance underwriter for Mutual of New York. He served with the company until 1971. Since that time, he had been an insurance underwriter for Shenandoah Life and was president of Wayside Dwellings, Inc., franchiser for Lindal Cedar Homes.

Mr. Davidson was active in the theater for much of his life. His theatrical experience included work with the Little Theater Group in Alexandria, Va., the Curtain Club of Milligan College, the Drama Club of Grinnell College, and the Butler Little Theater group.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; his children, Mrs. Robert D. (Leslie Anne) Litwiller of Rochester, Minn., Petty Officer Second Class David W. Davidson of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Christine Caroline Davidson of Audubon, and Patrice Elizabeth Davidson of Grinnell; and two sisters, Mrs. G. F. (Georgia) Pritchitt of Towson, Md., and Mrs. W. E. (Barbara) Travis of Bangor, Me.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.