

Darrell Davis

Darrell Edwin "Don" Davis, 75, of Gilman died Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Gilman United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Richard Jenkins officiating. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Ted and Pearl Grapes Davis, he was born March 9, 1921, in Wadena, Minn. He was raised in Lamont and was a 1939 graduate of Lamont High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II and receiving the Purple Heart for wounds received in Tunisia.

He was married to Dorothy Thibadeau Dec. 31, 1944, in Manchester. The couple lived in Cedar Rapids where he was employed by Quaker Oats for several years. He moved to Belle Plaine in 1947 and was a part owner of the Commercial Cafe and, later, the Lincoln Cafe. He moved to Gilman in 1955 and operated the Ice Cream Cottage. He began working for the Kiowa Corporation in Marshalltown in the early 1960s and retired in 1983.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church, the Paul-Ward American Legion Post in Gilman and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a former member of the Gilman Library Board.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Nancy Wilson of Marshalltown, Marsha Heney of Melbourne and Sally Gallentine of Gilman; two sons, Michael of Saginaw, Mich., and Jeffrey of Grinnell; one sister, Gertrude Staton of Center Point; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson; four brothers, Dennis, Walter, Robert and Marvin; and two sisters, Dorothy Boone and Phyllis Morris.

H. R. February 20, 1997