

Charles Walter Dee

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, July 15, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell for Charles Walter Dee, 89, of Grinnell, who died July 12, 1998, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

The Rev. Del Dawes of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell officiated. Organist Margaret Wheeler provided selections, "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "On Eagles Wings." Pallbearers were Lyle Beck, Marvin Beck, Jerry Davis, Robert Gritsch, Roger Gritsch and Erich Noll. Interment was in the Brooklyn Cemetery

The son of Mike and Melinda Roudabush Dee, Walter was born Jan. 6, 1909 near Hartwick. He attended rural school near his home and was a 1927 graduate of Hartwick High School.

He was married to Leota Thompson Dec. 4, 1931, at the Presbyterian parsonage in Grinnell. The couple farmed near Brooklyn and Malcom prior to moving to Traer in 1947. He operated an oil tank service in the area until his retirement in 1977. He moved to Grinnell in 1989 and had been a resident of Friendship Manor since 1996.

Walter was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Leading a quiet life, he held a strong work ethic and maintained a good sense of humor. He enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden, playing cards, and socializing with his family and friends. Reading books on the West and bowling were his passions. He was a former secretary of several bowling leagues while living in Traer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leota, in 1997, and one sister, Lois Gritsch.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Alma Dee of Grand Island, Neb.; one sister, Marie Beck of Malcom; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may make memorial contributions to the Charles Walter Dee Memorial Fund.

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