

Charles L. Dillon

Charles L. Dillon, 73, of Grinnell Estates died at home Monday, Jan. 10.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom, with the Rev. Martin Schreiber officiating. Organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer, and vocalist was Marlene Gritsch.

Pallbearers were Jason Dillon, Troy Dillon, Randy Lidtka, Denny Gritsch, Lowell Pickhardt and Dale Emmert. Honorary bearers were Cal Barns, Clarence Cogley, Bernard Criswell, Conrad DeBondt, Gene Gritsch and Ross Mintle.

Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

The son of George and Lelah Wincinger Dillon, he was born Feb. 5, 1920, in Velpen, Ind. The family moved to the Grinnell area in 1924 and later to the Hartwick area where he graduated from high school in 1937. Following his education he worked as a farmhand. He served with the U.S. Army in Alaska and the Philippines during World War II.

He was married to Nola Lidtka March 26, 1944, in El Paso, Texas. The couple farmed near Malcom and moved to a farm in Sheridan Township in 1963. Mr. Dillon had been a resident of Grinnell Estates since the fall of 1993.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the church council. He was also a member of the Brooklyn American Legion.

Surviving are two sons, Carl and Fred, both of Grinnell; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; and two sisters, Dora Gritsch of Brooklyn and Opal Barns of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Robert; and one grandson.

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