

Harley H. Ford

Harley H. Ford, 84, of 1510 First Ave., Grinnell, died Friday, Jan. 30, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel I. Ogata officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Cremation followed the service.

Military rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

He was born Oct. 4, 1913, at Grundy Center to Fred A. and Cora Hauser Ford. He was a graduate of Grundy Center High School.

During World War II, he served with a U.S. Army tank division in Europe.

Following the war, he was married to Donna Martin. The couple had two sons, Scott and Kent. The couple lived in Wellsburg where he operated an auto dealership.

On March 10, 1951, he was married to LaVelle B. Rausman at West Union. They had four children, Kim, Candace, Kevin and Karin. The couple lived in Grundy Center and Wellsburg before moving to Grinnell in 1964.

While living here, Mr. Ford operated an auto body shop and later worked for various body shops in Grinnell, Newton and Marshalltown. He retired in the mid-1980s.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the American Legion.

Surviving are his three sons, Scott of Killduff, Kent of Columbia, Mo., and Kevin of Chicago; two daughters, Candace Bixby of Marion and Karin of Des Moines; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two brothers, Russell of Newton and Glen of Grants Pass, Ore.; and four sisters, Mae Proffit, Hazel Cummings, Judy Woody and Lily Willard, all of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kim; and one brother, Ed.

A memorial fund has been established, and donations may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

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