

Azel France services held

66-11 March 23, 1986

Azel E. France, 74, of 228 West St., Grinnell, died Monday, March 10, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Easley, pastor of the Church of the Bible Covenant, officiating. Organist was Retha Cheatham, and vocalist was Richard Ferguson. Pallbearers were Kenneth Adams, Wilbur Anderson, James Hill, Robert Puls, Shirley Puls and Charles Wakeley.

Burial was in the Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell.

The son of Walter and Dora Cowan France, he was born on Oct. 25, 1911, in Putnam County, Mo. He was educated in Martinsdale, Mo., graduating from high school there.

Mr. France moved to Grinnell in 1937 and was married to Edna Runch Pickett on March 1, 1938. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army in

Europe. He lived in Aurora, Colo., for four years, then returned to Grinnell.

Mr. France worked in the Building and Grounds Department at Grinnell College. He was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion, and the Grinnell Eagles Lodge. He attended the Church of the Bible Covenant near Laurel.

Following the death of his first wife, he was married to Rose King Brown on June 29, 1973, in Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; three stepdaughters, Ruth Clifton and Rita Werneburg, both of Grinnell, and Jacqueline Jenison of rural Kellogg; three step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife; his parents; two sisters, Vera Sanders and Thelma France; and one brother, Glen France.