



Eugene G. Freeborn, 79, of Grinnell died of a heart attack Friday, Dec. 31, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist was Milton Severe.

Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Mickey, Roger, Robbie, Jamie, Dustin and Cody Freeborn and Teresa and Stacey Nutt. Military honors were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born June 13, 1920, in Dean, Iowa, to Loyd and Cora Clinkenbeard Freeborn. The family moved to the Grinnell area to farm, and he attended Grinnell High school. During World War II, he served with a tank division in the European theater. He also served during the Korean Conflict.

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## Eugene G. Freeborn

Eugene G. Freeborn, 79, of Grinnell died Dec. 31, 1999, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 5. The family will be present at the funeral home from 6:30-8:30 p.m. that evening.

His funeral will be Thursday, Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Tim Stewart, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Grinnell, officiating.

Organist will be Margaret Wheeler and vocalist, Milton Severe. Casket bearers will be his grandchildren, Mickey, Roger, Robbie, Jamie, Dustin and Cody Freeborn and Teresa and Stacey Nutt.

Military honors will be conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Mr. Freeborn was born June 13, 1920 in Dean to Loyd and Cora Clinkenbeard Freeborn. The family moved to the Grinnell area to farm and he attended Grinnell schools. During World War II, he served with a tank division under Gen.

George Patten in the European theater. He also served in the Korean Conflict.

On Aug. 3, 1941, he married Haines in Unionville, Mo. He lived in Rockford, Ill. and married Grinnell in 1944. He worked as a chemist and supervisor for the Grinnell Paper Company for 38 years and retired in 1984. From 1961 to 1989, he owned and operated the Freeborn Motel in Grinnell. During his retirement, he designed and built Winnebago motor homes throughout the United States.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Eagles Club of Grinnell.

Mr. Freeborn was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Russell Freeborn.

He is survived by his wife, Fern Freeborn of Grinnell; one daughter, Linda Nutt of Ames; two sons, Terry of Grinnell and Dennis of Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Virginia Blackwell of Grinnell and Darlene Turner of Nichols and Lender of Rockford Ill.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Hazelwood Cemetery's lands fund.

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