

Roscoe Gideon Services Today

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Roscoe Burl Gideon, 54, of 911 Reed St., Grinnell, died Monday evening at the Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn of cancer. He had been in failing health the past three years and cared for in Brookhaven the past month.

The son of Elmer Gideon and Faye Pottorff Basham, he was born Dec. 13, 1917, at Fairfield, Iowa. He attended the Fairfield schools and later received extensive training as an electrician from several schools, among them the General Electric school for electricians.

When World War II broke out, Mr. Gideon was on Midway Island and under Japanese attack, working as a civilian under military construction contract. He enlisted in the Army Air Force and served as a technical sergeant with the 330th Depot Repair Squadron in the South Pacific and on Okinawa. Following his discharge he was employed on several construction sites, among them the Grinnell College Forum as a worker for Brown Brothers Electrical Contractors.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union No. 405 in Cedar Rapids. He was active in the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell where he had served as past trustee and deacon.

On Aug. 15, 1936, he was married to Beulah Grant at Fairfield. The couple had one daughter: Mrs. Ronald (Rebecca Alice) Goehring of Dayton, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Gideon had made their home in Ottumwa and Fairfield for a number of years before coming to Grinnell nine years ago.

Mr. Gideon is survived by his wife, Beulah; his daughter, Becky; his father, Elmer Gideon of Fairfield; his mother, Mrs. Faye Basham of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Ernest Gideon of Floris, Iowa; a sister, Mrs. Freda Verga of

St. Petersburg, Fla.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Gideon were held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Vernon L. Smith, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Leonard Pearce, and vocalist was J.G. Christopher. Pallbearers were W. Leroy Calvin, Paul Elliott, Edward Huyser, Leonard Pearce, Howard Thompson, and Don Turner. Burial was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Ottumwa.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Gideon's name may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Mrs. Wayne Reams, Grinnell.