

C. Ithel Gillespie

C. Ithel Gillespie, 84, of Newburg died of an aneurysm Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ken Wallace, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Parish, officiating. Vocalists were Delmar and Norma Jean Sharp and Virgil and Ruth Palmer. Organist was Alice Renaud. Pallbearers were Harlan Gillespie, Gary Keenan, Rick Wells, Dale Altemeier, Jim Gillespie, Brian Wells and Glen Keenan.

Burial was in Hickory Grove Cemetery near Newburg.

The son of Henry and Ruby Belle Pugh Gillespie, he was born Feb. 14, 1911, in Chester Township north of Grinnell. He was educated in rural schools and was a 1930 graduate of Newburg High School.

He was married to Ruth McCulloch Sept. 29, 1931, in Marshalltown. They lived in Newburg where he assisted area farmers and worked for the Newburg Elevator. In 1944 he moved to Ladora and managed the McKee Feed and Grain Co. He managed the Newburg Elevator from 1949 to 1965 and worked for DeKalb Seed Co. until his retirement in 1977.

Mr. Gillespie was a member of the Newburg United Church of Christ, the Men's Club of the church and the Gilman Lions Club. He was former secretary of the Newburg School Board and served as secretary-treasurer of the Newburg Water Board.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Howard of Iowa Falls; three daughters, Marilyn Keenan and Eleanor Osland, both of Grinnell, and Carolyn Risch of Bella Vista, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ada Tychsen of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Thelma Krumm, Esther Arment and Doris Phipps; and two great-granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Grinnell or the Newburg United Church of Christ.

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