Rites held Saturday for Carl Griffith

Carl W. Griffith, 62, of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died at his home early Thursday of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services for Mr. Griffith were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Carl Klein, pastor of the Bethel United Methodist Church, officiating. Music was provided by Kathleen Heffner, organist, and Frank Shults, vocalist. Pallbearers were Jerry Deal, Hollis Elliott, John Garrett, Rollie McGinnis, Glen Phipps and Derald Thompson. Honorary pallbearers were Russ Adkins, Gene Hunter, Kenneth Thorpe and Carmen Wilson.

Graveside rites were conducted by the Kellogg American Legion and the Newton Forty and Eighth.

Burial was at the Bethel Cemetery southwest of Grinnell.

The son of Samuel and Gertrude Stewart Griffith, he was born Nov. 2, 1915, in the Bethel Community. He attended rural school near his home, later moving to California with his family. He attended high school in California.

Following school, he returned to the Bethel area and worked on the Charles Mason farm. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

On Jan. 9, 1946, he was married to Vina Viola Van Dusen at Portland, Ore. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith returned to Iowa and farmed in the Rock Creek area until 1953 when he was employed by Midwest Metal Co. at Kellogg.

He was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, the Kellogg Lions Club, and the Newton Forty and Eighth. He served as commander of the Kellogg American Legion post and vice president of the Jasper County American Legion post.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Charles W. Griffith of rural Kellogg and Jack W. Griffith of Grinnell; a brother, Jack Griffith of Redondo Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Perry (Betty) Oliver of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Vivian Adamo of Boca Raton, Fla.; one foster brother, Jack Mason, of Kellogg; and one foster sister, Mrs. Dan (Doris) Palaske of Lake Bluff, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother.