

Raymond Groom

Raymond M. Groom, 68, of Rte. 2, Kellogg, died Friday, March 31, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wallace-Pence Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. William Adams, associate pastor of Community Heights Alliance Church, officiating. The body was cremated, and the ashes were buried in Newton Memorial Park Cemetery.

The son of Ernest and Maybelle Ringgenberg Groom, he was born Jan. 3, 1921, in Plummer, Minn. He was married to Sylvia Wilhelm April 25, 1943, in Plummer.

Mr. Groom was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was the leader of a musical group, Ray Groom and His Band, which played for 50 years in the central Iowa area. He retired from the Maytag Company in 1979.

Surviving are his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Merle of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Gerald of Moline, Ill.; two daughters, Patricia Arguello of Chicago and Sherry Priaulx of Cleveland, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Virginia Gambler of Harrisburg, Pa., and Shirley Arlt of Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Vernon and Laurel.

Memorials may be made to the Kellogg Historical Society or to the American Heart Association.

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