

James Guthrie

James M. Guthrie Sr., 76, of Searsboro died Wednesday, April 17, at Grinnell General Hospital.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Anthony G. Farrell officiating. Burial will be in Searsboro Cemetery. The wake service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home.

A memorial has been established.

The son of James Harper and Carrie Abernathy Guthrie, he was born May 27, 1914, in Ottumwa. He attended school in Missouri.

He was married to Evelyn Missey Feb. 21, 1936, in Unionville, Mo. The couple lived in St. Louis. He enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946. The couple then came to Searsboro, then farmed for three years north of Sully. Mrs. Guthrie died Oct. 30, 1966.

On Aug. 5, 1967, he was married to Betty Mayne in Grinnell. She died April 11, 1983.

Mr. Guthrie had worked at area service stations, DeLong Sportswear, Vermeer Manufacturing in Pella and the Firestone store in Grinnell. He was a member of St. Mary's Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeannine Thon of Searsboro;

six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Laura Mae Lemons of Gardner, Kan., and Audrey Clearhout of Olathe, Kan. He was preceded in death by both wives; one son, James Guthrie Jr., in 1976; one brother and three sisters.

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