

# Leonard Hofer, 82

Leonard Dale Hofer, 82, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A graveside funeral was held Friday, October 16 at Maple Hill Cemetery in Montour. Officiating was Pastor Robert Burgett of Lee Town Assembly of God Church of Des Moines.

Casket bearers were Steve Hofer, Jim Routier, Jack Delk, David Hofer, Jerry Routier and Larry Delk.

Visitation music was "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Mr. Hofer was born March 30, 1916 on a farm in Tama County to David and Jennie (Magee) Hofer. He attended rural school in Tama County.

On July 21, 1934, he married Margaret Davis in Toledo. To this union seven children were born.

As a young man, Mr. Hofer worked at the Tama Paper Mill and later, the Marshalltown Foundry. For several years, he was a custodian for the schools at Melcher-Dallas and Barnes City.

The family moved back to Grinnell, where Mr. Hofer was custodian at Grinnell Reinsurance for several years.

Mr. Hofer's hobbies were hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Larry on July 25, 1990; a grandson, four great-grandchildren, a brother, Glenn Hofer and a sister, Gladys Marquis.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret and their family, daughter-in-law, Bonnie Hofer of Lynnville; five daughters and their husbands, Darlene and Lawrence Routier of Grinnell, Janet and Larry Sheets of Melrose, Gladys and Garry Schrage of Melrose, Jessie and Henry Mefford of De Moines and Jenny and Richard Burgett of Melrose; a son, Robert of Des Moines; 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, one sister, Flossie Vail of Oregon; other relatives and many friends.

Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.

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