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Mr. Holderness rites Friday

William C. Holderness, 76, of 1425 Fifth Ave. died Monday morning, Feb. 2, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Russell of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers will be Robert DeWitte, Walter Holderness, Charles McDonald, Duane McDonald, Louis McDonald and Terry McDonald.

Military rites will be conducted by Edwin K. Richardson, chaplain, and members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial will be at Jay Hill Cemetery, Malcom.

The son of William and Martha Thomas Holderness, he was born March 23, 1904, at Millersburg. He attended rural schools near the family farm home, and following his father's death he helped his

mother with the farming.

He was later employed by the Milwaukee Railroad at Aurelia, then returned to farming south of Iowa City. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army. Following his discharge, he was married to Viola McDonald at her parents' home near Malcom. The couple lived in Kellogg, where he was employed as a steel cutter for Midwest Metal Manufacturing until his retirement in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Holderness moved to Grinnell in 1955. He was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Viola; three sisters, Cora Claypool of What Cheer, Nellie Cole of Iowa City and Leatha Helman of Iowa City; and two brothers, Harry Holderness of Millersburg and Russell Holderness of Indiana.