

Arnold Hagen

Arnold M. "Red" Hagen, 87, of Grinnell died Sunday, Dec. 2, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Molsberry, pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist was Milton Severe.

Pallbearers were David Abarr, Paul Eker Jr., Jerry Hagen, Jack Marcum, Dave Milburn, Mert "Ollie" Olson and Mark Schmidt.

Members of the Grinnell American Legion performed veterans ceremonial rites. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of George Frederick and Lillie Marie Malmrose Hagen, he was born April 16, 1914, in Rock Island, Ill. He was a 1932 graduate of Grinnell High School and received a B.A. degree from Grinnell College in 1938. He ran track in both high school and college and, while in high school, was a member of the mile relay team that placed in the U.S. Nationals.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the European Theater where he was the recipient of two Bronze Stars.

He was married to Katherine Eker April 14, 1939, in Nashua. They lived in Grinnell where Mr. Hagen was employed with the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1984.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Barbara Hagen of Parker, Colo.; and one sister, Bonnie Schmidt of Cedar Rapids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Irwin; and one sister, Violet Ryan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association.

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