

Howard Hockett



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Howard J. Hockett, 91, of Urbandale, formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, April 9, at Fleur Heights Care Center in Des Moines.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Roland Pillack of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and soloist will be Joyce Larson. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom.

The son of Jonathan L. and Bertha Wieshausen Hockett, he was born Jan. 11, 1910, in Minitowoc, Wis. He was raised in Grinnell and received his education in Grinnell schools.

After his education, he was employed by Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He received his B.S. degree in agricultural education from Iowa State University in 1955.

He was married to Lucille M. Larson June 29, 1940, in Guttenberg. He was a public school teacher in Manchester, Rockwell City and Rockford, Ill., prior to moving to McAllen, Texas in 1963, where he taught high school science. He retired in 1975, returned to Guttenberg, and lived in Grinnell for a year prior to making his home in Urbandale in 1998.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Guttenberg and, later, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Des Moines. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Surviving is a sister, Myrtle Gilbert of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sisters, Lenora Ohland and Bernice Sickinger; and one brother, Norman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to his church.