

C.N. 'Snap' James

C.N. "Snap" James, 81, of Grinnell died Monday, April 6, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Bowman, pastor of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Organist was Susan Todd.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell General Hospital or to Hospice Grinnell.

The son of Clarence Norman and Cordella Turpin James, he was born July 2, 1910, in Dove, Mo. He moved to Cedar Rapids with his family and graduated from Washington High School. In 1933 he graduated from Grinnell College where he participated in football, basketball and track. During his college career, he set a record in the broad jump at the Drake Relays.

He was married to Maude Munger March 20, 1935. The couple moved to Grinnell in 1938 and founded the James Funeral Home. In 1942 he joined Charles DeLong and Mary O'Connor in the founding of the DeLong Sportswear Co. From the early 1960s to 1975 he was associated with Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. as company treasurer.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, a past president of the Grinnell Country Club Corp., a charter member of the Grinnell Rotary Club and one of the founders of the Youth Center in Grinnell. During World War II he served with the USO in Grinnell.

Mr. James is survived by his wife; two children, Frank M. of Houston, Texas, and Susan Behrendt of Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Louise Gross of Houston and Helen Robertson of Fort Bragg, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Eunice Murphy.

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