

Rites set for Mr. Johnson

July 31, 1978

Robert Allen Johnson, 43, of 1827 Reed St., Grinnell, died of an apparent heart attack Saturday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital in Davenport. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church here. The Rosary service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home east

side facility. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

Mr. Johnson, claims manager for Grinnell Mutual Rensurance Co., is survived by his wife, Sheila; five children, Tim, Mark, Daniel, Mary and Theresa; and two sisters.

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Robert A. Johnson, 43, of 1827 Reed St., Grinnell, died late Saturday afternoon of an apparent heart attack at St. Luke's Hospital in Davenport. Mr. Johnson, executive claims manager for Grinnell Mutual Rensurance Co., had been in Davenport Saturday when he suffered the attack. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich officiating. The Vigil Service was recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home east side facility. Pallbearers were Tony Blacalana, Kevin Clendenon, John Eisenman, Allen J. Cham, Scott Sharp, Joel Thomson, Trenton Wilson and Randy Youngblood. Organist was Joyce Wedlock. Burial was in the Calvary Section of Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends desire memorials in Mr. Johnson's name may be made to the Grinnell Baseball Association and left at the Smith Funeral Home or with the family. The son of Paul L. Jackson and Margaret Lucille Halber, Johnson was born April 29, 1935, at South Bend, Ind. The family moved to Davenport in 1941, and he attended Sacred Heart Cathedral parochial school here. He attended Campion Military Academy at Prairie du Chien, Wis., for one year before graduating from St. Ambrose Academy in Davenport in 1953.



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He served in the U.S. Army with the 54th Field Artillery Battalion at Ft. Sill, Okla., before his discharge. He later attended St. Ambrose College and Northeast Missouri State College at Kirksville, and took management courses at Iowa State University and the University of Iowa. He had received his Insurance Institute of America credentials, was qualified as a certified property casualty underwriter, and currently was working on his property claims law associate degree through the American Educational Institute. From 1961 through 1971, he was an adjuster with Illinois-Iowa Claim Services in Davenport and Cedar Rapids. He had been executive claims manager for Grinnell Mutual since 1971. On May 19, 1968, he was married to Sheila M. Foley at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. The couple had five children, Timothy, Paul, 18, Mark, Andrew, 17, Daniel, 16, Mary Margaret, 14, and Therese Marie, 12. Mr. Johnson was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church here, the Grinnell Kiwanis Club which he served as chairman of the Key Club Committee for high school-age

boys, and the Grinnell Elks Lodge No. 1266. He had been vice president of the High School Booster Club. For two years he had been president of the Grinnell Baseball Association and had remained active in backing youth sports in Grinnell. He was secretary of the Iowa Claims Managers Executive Council and was a member of the board of the National Inter-Company Arbitration Committee. Survivors include his wife, Sheila; his children; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas (Joan) Helms of Davenport and Mrs. Irvin (Patricia) Keimann of Keosauqua, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents.