

# John Kintzinger dies here Monday



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John W. Kintzinger

John W. Kintzinger, 71, of Grinnell, who spearheaded numerous community projects here, died of cancer Monday, Aug. 6, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services are set for 3 p.m. Friday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating.

Casket bearers will be Charles Bethel, Mike Budde, Addison Jones, Jim Urfer, Dr. Vic Wilson and Gordon Wold. Honorary bearers will be Ken Benda, Charlie Becker, Isadore Berman, Dr. Warren Bower, Bill Fisher, Don Nebergall, Leon Neuman, Chris Nielsen, Al Pinder and Ned Postels.

Private family burial services will be held at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was the son of John W. and Catherine Andersen Kintzinger and was born Jan. 2, 1930, in Dubuque. He was a graduate of Dubuque High School and attended the University of Dubuque and the University of Iowa.

He served as a pilot for 14 years with the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City; Scott Air Force Base, St. Louis; McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash., and the Bent Water Air Force Station in England. He flew 7,500 pilot hours, as well as serving as a flight examiner, simulator instructor and pilot instructor.

He was married to Jewel Wendt April 3, 1965, in Dubuque. He began working for Wenco of Ohio in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in January 1968 and came to Grinnell to open the Wenco of Iowa plant in 1969. In 1988, he was named western sales manager of Jeld-Wen, Inc., Wenco's parent company, and he retired June 29, 1990. After his retirement, he invested as owner of Grinnell Lumber and in the restoration of the Depot Crossing Restaurant in Grinnell. He helped found Advanced DataComm in Dubuque.

Mr. Kintzinger was active with several civic organizations. He served for three years on the Grinnell Community Theatre Board, six years on the United Way Board and nine years on the Grinnell General Hospital Board. He also had served on the Grinnell Country Club Board, the Art Advisory Board, Grinnell General's Long-range Planning Committee and the United Church of Christ - Congregational Board.

He was organizing member of the Grinnell Airport Committee and was involved in the dedication of Grinnell Regional Airport in 1988. He was also a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club.

He and his wife were benefactors of Grinnell Regional Medical Center, and the new Kintzinger Women's Health Center at the hospital was named for John and Jewel Kintzinger in November 2000.

Surviving are his wife; four children, Douglas of Klamath Falls, Ore., Stuart of Grinnell, Rachel Harpham of Sisters, Ore., and Wendy Lentz of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and one brother, Paul of Fort Worth, Texas. His parents and two brothers, Warren and Charles, preceded him in death.