

Burton C. Koger

Burton C. Koger, 78, of 93 Thirteenth Ave., Grinnell, died Friday, Oct. 9, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Raymond Webb, elder of the Primitive Baptist Church in Carthage, Ill., officiating. Organist will be Sue Martindale.

Pallbearers will be Dan and Don Gurney, Rick Hibbs, Joe Johnson and Chuck and Eric Koger. Honorary bearers will be Brian Evans, John Gurney,

Wayne Koger, Dan Murphy and Billy and Earl Spencer. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The son of Calvin A. and Jennie Mabel McCosh Koger, he was born May 16, 1914, near Kellogg. He was a 1932 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was married to Vondell Marie Spencer May 18, 1940, in Atlanta, Mo. The couple farmed near Grinnell, and Mr. Koger also drove a school bus for the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District for 24 years. He retired in 1986, and they moved to Grinnell.

Mr. Koger was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and served as a deacon for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Ronald of Issaquah, Wash., Keith of Hudson and Dale of Kirksville; four daughters, Barbara Gurney of Reinbeck, Marilyn Hibbs of Conrad, Karen Johnson of Washington and Jeanne Murphy of Euclid, Ohio; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Murray; and a great-granddaughter.