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Thomas C. Lowry

Thomas C. Lowry, 86, Grinnell died Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 6, 2001 at the United Methodist Church, Grinnell with Rev. Del Dawes, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Heffner. Casket bearers were Brian, Jason and Brent Lowry, Nate and Reid Vos, Richard Lowry, Roger Mitchell and Kent Rasmussen. The Grinnell Veterans Memorial Unit conducted graveside rites. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Thomas was born April 16, 1914 near Taintor, Iowa to George and Etta (Catterson) Lowry. The family moved to the Searsboro area and he was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. In 1931 he graduated from Searsboro High School and attended Iowa State University following World War II. During World War II he served with the United States Navy Seabees 17th Battalion in the South Pacific.

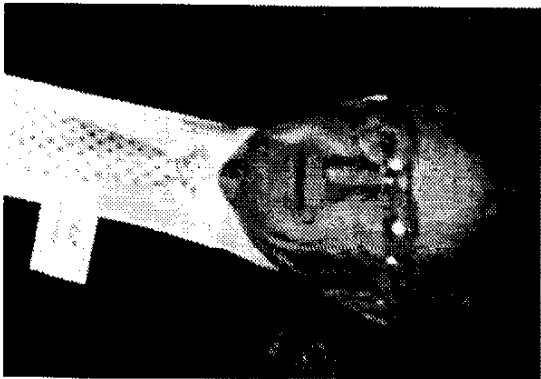
He was married to Doris Whitaker at her parent's home in the Oak Grove neighborhood. The couple farmed in Sugar Creek Township, east of Searsboro. He was a grain and livestock farmer and was a dealer for Archer Oil Company for over 25 years. The couple moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1990.

He was formerly a member of the Oak Grove Friends Church and while living in Grinnell he was a member of the United Methodist Church. He was formerly a member of the Federal Land Bank Board, the Lynville-Sully School Board, the Poweshiek County Fair Board, and the William Penn College Board of Trustees. He was a member of the original board of directors of Grinnell Regional Hospice and served for many years on the Heritage Park Board and was instrumental in the relocation of the school house, the church and the log cabin to Heritage Park.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Lowry, Grinnell; two sons, Terry Lowry and Gary Lowry, both of Searsboro; one daughter, Lori Vos, Searsboro; and eight grandchildren.

His parents, one brother, Howard Lowry, and two sisters, Cecile Mitchell and Gayle Gosenbach, preceded him in death.

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Thomas C. Lowry, 86, of 910 Penrose St., Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Tuesday, April 3, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services are set for 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner, and casket bearers will be Brian, Jason and Brent Lowry; Nate and Reid Vos; Richard Lowry; Roger Mitchell and Kent Rasmussen.

The Grinnell Veterans Memorial Unit will conduct graveside rites at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The family will meet friends at the Smith Funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

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He was married to Doris Whitaker Feb. 10, 1949. The couple farmed in Sugar Creek Township east of Searsboro. Mr. Lowry was a grain and livestock farmer and was a dealer for Archer Oil Co. for over 25 years. The couple moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1990.

Mr. Lowry was a former member of the Oak Grove Friends Church. While living in Grinnell, he was a member of the United Methodist Church. He was a former member of the Federal Land Bank Board, the Lynville-Sully School Board, the Poweshiek County Fair Board and the William Penn College Board of Trustees.

He was a member of the original board of directors of Grinnell Regional Hospice and served for many years on the Heritage Park Board. He was instrumental in the relocation of the schoolhouse, church and log cabin to Heritage Park.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Terry and Gary, both of Searsboro; one daughter, Lori Vos of Searsboro; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Howard; and two sisters, Cecile Mitchell and Gayle Gosenbach.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church.