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A former Grinnell man became Des Moines' 18th murder victim of the year last Tuesday.

David Lee Martinson, 53, was beaten to death, and his body found in the attic of an abandoned house at 1149 Eighth St. in the capital city.

Police later arrested a 19-year-old resident of the Bethel Mission and charged him in connection with the slaying.

Graveside services for Mr. Martinson were held at 1 p.m. Friday in the veterans section of Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. James Russell, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Veterans rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. The Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The son of Albert and Leatha Martinson, he was born in Grinnell and was graduated from Grinnell High School in 1942. He served with the U.S. Navy for 12 years, including a period during World War II. Following his discharge from the service, he was employed as a carpenter and in construction work.

Survivors include two sons, Fred of Newton and Steve of Long Beach, Calif., and three brothers, Bob and Louis of Newton and Gene Martinson of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter.