

**Merle A.
Masteller**

Merle A. Masteller, 80, of 427 West St., Grinnell, died Monday, May 14, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

The body has been cremated. Burial of the ashes will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 24, at Brooklyn Cemetery, with the Rev. Raymond C. Lott of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Friends will gather at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell at 9:30 a.m. for the procession to the cemetery.

The son of Noah and Edna Welch Masteller, he was born May 7, 1910, in North English. He attended Belle Plaine and Marengo Schools.

He was married to Florence "Peg" Coon May 10, 1930, in Marengo. The couple came to Grinnell in 1937 where they owned and operated the P&M Cafe. They lived in Long Beach, Calif., from 1950 to 1956, then returned to Grinnell. Mr. Masteller also was employed for seven years at Miracle Recreation Equipment Co., retiring in 1972. During World War II he served with the U.S. Navy

Seabees in the South Pacific. He was a member of the American Legion and the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife and preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.