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Rites held for

Earl Meeker



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Earl R. Meeker, 52, of 1710 Third Ave., Grinnell, died late Wednesday afternoon at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley officiating. Organist was Edward H. Bohstedt. Pallbearers were Russ Adkins, Charles Barnhart, Larry Gillespie, Robert Hamilton, Stuart Porter and Richard Wall. Honorary pallbearers were Merle Dimitt, Houston Hall,

Don Louden, Rick Reisinger, Leo Schmitz, Loren West, Gary Wilkenson and Don Williams.

Masonic rites were conducted by Keith Gregory, Clark Watkins and members of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273.

Burial was at Marietta Cemetery near Marshalltown, with the James-Schalinske Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Meeker's name may be made to the First Baptist Church.

The son of Clark and Minerva Cawthon Meeker, he was born Jan. 9, 1924, in Marshalltown. He attended school in LaMoille, Iowa, and was graduated from LaMoille High School.

On Aug. 29, 1942, he was married to Esther Schmoranz in Unionville, Mo. The couple had three children, Donna, Douglas and Dana.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Meeker made their home in Marshalltown. Mr. Meeker was employed by the Railway Express Agency and later was manager of

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Railway Express Agency offices in Marshalltown, Ottumwa, Ames and Grinnell. The family moved to Grinnell in 1960.

After heart surgery in 1971, Mr. Meeker retired from the REA. While in Grinnell, he was active in the real estate business, owning and operating Meeker Realty Co.

He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church in Marshalltown, the Baptist Men's Club in Grinnell, and Hermon Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Marshalltown Employees Credit Union.

Survivors include his wife Esther; his children, Donna Betts, Douglas Meeker and Dana Meeker, all of Grinnell; two grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Minerva Meeker of Liscomb; three brothers, Vern and Clark Meeker of Marshalltown and Bill Meeker of Toledo; one sister, Mrs. Frank (Lois) Johnston of Gastonia, N.C.; and two half sisters, Viola and Delores.

He was preceded in death by his father.