

H.P. May 19, 1980
Mr. Meredith rites today

Jerry Dean Meredith, 39, of 1210 Hamilton Ave., Grinnell, died Friday afternoon, May 16, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, following open heart surgery.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. today at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John C. Epperson of the Grinnell Christian Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Danny Davis. Pallbearers were Dave Barns, Richard Bortell, Kenneth Conners, Larry Cox, Giles Jay and Patrick White. Honorary bearers were members of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department.

Military rites were conducted by Edwin M. Richardson, chaplain; Don Baker, commander; and members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Meredith's name may be left at the funeral home.

The son of Leland and Irma Walker Meredith, he was born Oct. 3, 1940, in Grinnell. He graduated from Searsboro High School in 1958 and attended American Institute of Business computer programm-

ing school in Des Moines. On Aug. 26, 1960, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served until 1964.

He was married to Karol Lynn Gotoch on Dec. 26, 1960, at Searsboro. The couple had two children. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith lived in Altoona and Des Moines before moving to Grinnell in 1967.

Mr. Meredith was employed by the Amana Co., Denniston and Partridge Lumber Co., and for the past 10 years Farmhand, Inc., where he served as purchasing manager. He was a past member of the Grinnell Jaycees, a member of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department, and a manager for a women's slow-pitch softball team.

Survivors include his wife, Karol; his children, Scott Dean and Kelly Lynn; his parents, Leland and Irma Meredith of Grinnell; two brothers, Lyle J. Meredith of rural Grinnell and LeRoy E. Meredith of Grinnell; and four sisters, Mrs. Eugene (Donna) Arment of Searsboro, Mrs. Dennis (Judy) Mitchell of Grinnell, Mrs. Phil (Betty) Stepp of rural Kellogg, and Mrs. Yody K. McDowell of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Delores Ann Meredith, who died in infancy.