

Claire Mithelman

Claire E. Mithelman, 77, of 2005 Spring St., Grinnell, died Friday, Dec. 18, of complications following abdominal surgery in Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Stephan Jasch, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona, officiating. Organist will be Anna Miller, and vocalist will be the Rev. Jack Mithelman. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home Monday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m.

The son of Fred and Caroline Lidtka Mithelman, he was born Sept. 24, 1921, in Malcom. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school in Sheridan Township. He was a graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was married to Bernice Cogley Sept. 17, 1943. The couple farmed for a few years, then moved to Grinnell. Mr. Mithelman was a sales representative for many years, and prior to his retirement he was employed with Impact Sales of Cedar Rapids.

Surviving are his wife; two children, Larry of Johnston and Suzanne Pearson of Pleasant Hill; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, LeRoy; and one sister, Elsie Young.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. John's Lutheran Church elevator fund or to the church music fund.

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