

James McNally dead at 77

James C. McNally, 77, former co-owner of McNally's Super Valu and a Grinnell

business and civic leader, died of Alzheimer's disease early Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown where he had been a resident for the past 3½ years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond Lott, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born on March 19, 1909, in Grinnell, the son of Christie C. and Ida Bangham McNally. He attended Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School. He was married to Vera Lucile McDonald on Feb. 9, 1930.

Mr. McNally and his brother, the late Edward McNally, joined their father in the operation of McNally's Market, later to become McNally's Super Valu. The store has continued in business here since 1907.

He was an active member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church since 1928. He had served on the Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education and the Grinnell Planning and Zoning Commission. He was also active in the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce and had served on the Grinnell Centennial Committee in 1954.

Mr. McNally was a member of the Grinnell Odd Fellows Lodge, the B.P.O. Elks Lodge, Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion and the Grinnell Kiwanis Club. He was



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a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Long interested in the visual history of Grinnell, Mr. McNally had a large collection of photographs of the community, and those pictures now hang at Stewart Library.

Following his retirement from the grocery business, Mr. McNally worked for six years at the Smith Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Vera; two children, Mary Patricia Miller of Cedar Rapids and J. Michael McNally of Stone Mountain, Ga.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Paulson of Ames. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, James C. Jr. in 1932; his brother, Edward; and a sister, Helen Butler.

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Rites held for Mr. McNally

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The Rev. Raymond C. Lott, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiated. Organist was Kathleen Heffner.

Pallbearers were R. Victor Bailey, Warren Beaty, Dr. Floyd E. Beaver, Virgil Groth,

James H. Miller, Albert J. Pinder, Max A. Smith and Robert D. Smith. Honorary bearers were Dave Barns, Robert A. Globus, Donald E. Larsen, George W. Norris, Walter A. Rixen, Alvin Sheeler and Clark L. Watkins.

Military rites were conducted at Hazelwood Cemetery by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Memorials in Mr. McNally's name may be left at the funeral home.