

Christian Nielsen

Christian T. Nielsen, 71, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Nov. 14, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Memorial services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Bent Emil and Anna Marie Hansen Nielsen, he was born May 28, 1930, in Frederic, Wis. He was raised in Chicago and later moved with his family to Swaledale, Iowa. He attended Wheaton College for two years prior to entering the U.S. Army and serving in Korea.

He earned a B.A. degree in economics from Grinnell College in 1956.

He was married to Carol Reglople on Aug. 10, 1957, in Flossmoore, Ill. They lived in Chicago and Philadelphia prior to moving to Grinnell in 1967. While living in Grinnell, Mr. Nielsen was employed by the alumni and development offices at Grinnell College. He later was an insurance agent for New York Life.

Mr. Nielsen was a member of the United Church of Christ - Congregational and served on the board of directors and as a moderator. He was a member of the Grinnell Alumni Association, serving two terms as a board member, and he was past president of the Chicago Alumni Club. He was past president of the Grinnell Rotary Club and served on the Grinnell Planning and Zoning Commission.

Surviving are three sons, Scott of Chicago, Peter of Falls Church, Va., and David of St. Paul, Minn., and one brother, Helmar of Charlotte, N.C. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Leroy, in infancy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Community Trust or his church.

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