

James Nixon services held

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James E. Nixon, 52, of 507 Eleventh Ave., Grinnell, died suddenly Friday evening, Nov. 15, at his home.

The son of Lawrence and Florence Smith Nixon, he was born April 1, 1922, at Burlington. He attended the Burlington public schools and was graduated from Burlington High School. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II with the military police at Harrisburg, Pa.

On July 10, 1948, he was married to Mary Ann Schranz at Burlington. The couple had one son, Joseph James Nixon of the family home.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon made their home at Burlington where Mr. Nixon was employed 18 years as a postal railway clerk. In 1966, the family moved to Grinnell where Mr. Nixon worked for the Grinnell Post Office. In 1972, he retired from the Postal Service and was associated with the Grinnell College building and grounds department.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Bishop's Committee; he also served as an usher. He was a member of the Grinnell Booster Club, the Postal Employees Association, and Teamsters Local 90. He had coached three little league city champion baseball teams.

Survivors include his wife Mary; his son Joe, 16; his mother, Mrs. Florence Nixon of Burlington; one sister, Mrs. Merle (Jacqueline) Schuler; and one brother, Frank Nixon of Winchester, Ind. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence.

Funeral services for Mr. Nixon were held at 11 a.m. today (Monday) at Herrick Chapel, Grinnell College, with the Rev. Robert D. Gamble, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Dennis Haas, chaplain of Grinnell College, officiating. Organist was Elbert Smith, and pallbearers were Virgil Edwards, George Fowler, Lynn Gossen, Kenneth Halstead, Howard Neighbors and Steve Orsborn. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Nixon's name may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.