

Paul R. Norris Rites Today

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Paul R. Norris, 72, of 806 Reed St., Grinnell, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 3, at Grinnell General Hospital. He had been in failing health the past few years.

The son of James W. and Ida Lora Culler Norris, he was born Dec. 26, 1901, in Grinnell. He attended the Grinnell schools, graduating with the class of 1921.

On Aug. 15, 1927, he was married to Mae Wilson at New Sharon, and the couple continued to make their home in Grinnell. They had two children, James Wilson Norris of Iowa City and Mrs. Sara Bishop of Wiesbaden, Germany, where her husband, Air Force Lt. Col. John E. Bishop, is stationed.

Mr. Norris was associated for many years with his brother, Raymond, in the operation of the J. W. Norris and Sons Oil Co., until the business was sold to the Hueffner Oil Company. He retired in 1961.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Church of Christ—Congregational and was active in the Congregators Sunday School class. He was also a member of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273, AF and AM; the Order of Eastern Star, Beulah Chapter No. 47; the Royal Arch Masons No. 143; the Oriental Commandry No. 22 of Newton; a 50-year member of the Grinnell B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1266; and was active in the Boy Scouts of America Tall Corn Council, serving on the Iowa State Finance Board. Mr. Norris was one of the organizers of the Cub Scout program in Grinnell. He was also a past member of the Kiwanis Club and a charter member of Toastmasters International.

Mr. Norris is survived by his wife, Mae; his son and daughter; and two grandsons.



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Stephen Scott and Bradley Paul Bauserman of Wiesbaden. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Lela Gay Norris who died at the age of 11, Mrs. Myrtle Slater and Mrs. Katherine Moots; and a brother, L. Raymond Norris.

Funeral services for Mr. Norris were held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Organist was Elbert Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Clark, Graham Jeambey, Roy Loven, Russell Moser, Harry Scurr and Bill Suttan.

Masonic rites were conducted by Clark Watkins and members of Hermon Masonic Lodge. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational.

Burial will be at a later date. Mr. Norris had willed his body to the University of Iowa Department of Anatomy.