

Robert J. O'Donnell

Robert J. O'Donnell, 63, of Storm Lake, formerly of Grinnell, died Thursday, April 4, while visiting in Orange, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Sioux City, with the Rev. Margaret Silk officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, with graveside rites conducted by the 185th Tactical Fighter Group and V.F.W. Post 1973.

Mr. O'Donnell was born Oct. 25, 1927, in Iowa City. He attended elementary school in Sioux City and graduated from Larabee High School. He served in the Army during World War II and was a staff sergeant in the Korean conflict.

On Aug. 11, 1951, he was married to Florence "Cathy" Grady in Sioux City. He graduated from Morningside College with a bachelor's degree in 1954 and attended Drake University College of Law for two years. He moved to Mason City and was employed by the Farm Bureau there for several years. He returned to Sioux City and was a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance until the early 1970s. He then moved to Grinnell and worked for 20 years with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co., retiring in January of this year.

Mr. O'Donnell was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church and was active in Masonic circles. He also was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Kirk, an Army helicopter pilot in Hawaii; two daughters, Debra O'Donnell of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Mindy Pyle of Storm Lake; his mother, Marie E. O'Donnell of Sioux City; five brothers; five sisters; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph F. O'Donnell Sr.

Memorials in his name may be made to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals.

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