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John S. Osborn Jr.

John S. Osborn Jr., 79, of rural Grinnell died of heart failure Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services are set for 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry, pastor of the United Church of Christ - Congregational, officiating. Pallbearers will be John Green, Arthur Iverson, Lawrence Iverson, Robert Osborn, Russell Stoker and Raymond Vogt. Burial will be in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

The son of John S. and Blanche Carrier Christianson Osborn, he was born Nov. 17, 1917, in Malcom Township. He received his education in rural school and the Montezuma School District. He farmed for many years with his father and brothers and was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are three sisters, Mamie McKee of Montezuma and Edith and Lavina Osborn, both of Grinnell, and two brothers, Glenn of Montezuma and Lester of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Dorothy Osborn; and one brother, Raymond.

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Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 22 at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. The Rev. Bob Molsberry of the United Church of Christ officiated. Organist was Margaret Wheeler and music selections were "Beyond The Sunset", "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Pallbearers were John Green, Arthur Iverson, Lawrence Iverson, Robert Osborn, Russell Stoker and Raymond Vogt. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

John Samuel Osborn, Jr., son of John Samuel and Blanche Carrie Christianson, was born Nov. 14, 1917 in Malcom Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa. He attended Malcom No. 9 rural school and later public school in Montezuma where he enjoyed playing basketball. Following his education, John farmed with his dad and brothers in Poweshiek County for several years and after the death of his parents, he with his two sisters, Lavina and Edith, bought the home place and continued to farm for many more years.

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John was a progressive farmer who loved his life on the farm and was committed to the hard work that was expected. He enjoyed caring for his livestock, going to farm sales, gardening, reading, and watching football and basketball games on television. He loved to socialize with his family, neighbors, and friends and was delighted with his great nieces and nephews, whom he liked to tease and play with.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Dorothy Osborn; and one brother, Raymond Osborn.

John is survived by three sisters, Mamie McKee of Montezuma and Edith and Lavina Osborn, both of Grinnell; two brothers, Glenn of Montezuma and Lester of Grinnell; nine nieces and nephews, Kevin Osborn of Montezuma, Ken Osborn of Cedar Rapids, Mary Fuhlendorf and Doris Byers, both of Denver, Colo., Joyce Cheney of Las Vegas, Carolyn Grosenbach and Barbara Saunders, both of Grinnell, Ronald Osborn of Malcom, and Roger Osborn of Kollogg; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center.