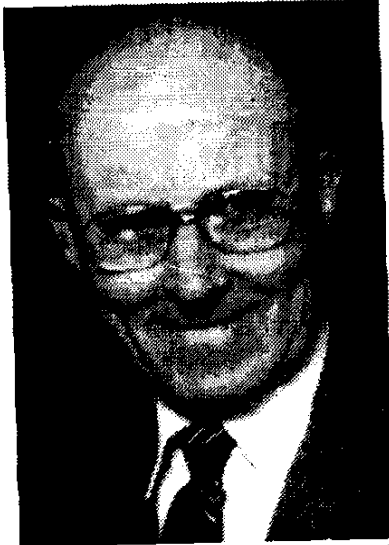


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March 25, 2002

Lester Osborn



Lester William Osborn, 84, of Grinnell died Saturday, March 16, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 20, at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Jerry Grosenbach, Rick Osborn, Ron Osborn, Jim Saunders, Scott Saunders, Stacy Schnathorst and Ted Urfer. Honorary bearers were Ed Brand, Frank Brown, Roger Osborn, John Schnathorst and Jim Urfer.

IOOF fraternal rites were conducted March 19 by members of Chapter 358 at the funeral home.

Interment was at Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

The son of John Samuel and Blanche Christianson Osborn, he was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Poweshiek County. He attended rural school near Malcom and was a 1937 graduate of Montezuma High School. He farmed east of Grinnell for several years prior to moving to Grinnell in the mid-1950s.

He was married to Vera Ruth Nicholl June 29, 1960, in Gilman. The couple lived in Grinnell where Mr. Osborn was employed by Grinnell Implement for 36 years. He retired in 1987.

He was past noble grand of Grinnell Lodge 358 of IOOF, past chief patriarch of Fidelity Encampment 118 and a member of Rebekah Lodge 119. He attended the Grinnell First Baptist Church and was a member of the Baptist Men's Club.

Surviving are one brother, Glenn of Montezuma, and three sisters, Mamie McKee of Denver, Colo., and Edith and Lavina Osborn, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, Raymond and John Jr.; and one sister, Dorothy Osborn.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.