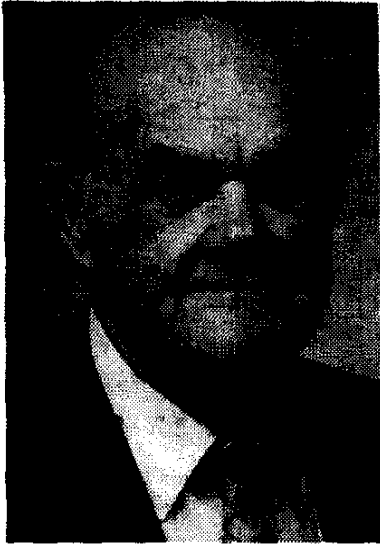


Robert E. Otto



Robert Earl Otto, 82, of Grinnell died Friday, July 6, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Calvary Baptist Church, with the Revs. Bruce Feuerbach and Ramon Reese officiating. Organist was Deb Lombard, and soloists were Dave Hanson and Mark and Beth Eddy.

Casket bearers were Leroy Calvin, Blake and Brent Cooper, Gary Glandon, Kevin McAlexander, Dan and Dave Petrie and Ray Spriggs. Honorary bearers were Glen Bell, Don Cooper, Walt Jones, Ed Otto, Robert Teed and Brian Thompson.

Members of the Grinnell American Legion conducted veteran's ceremonial rites, with burial at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Earl Joseph and Ada Florence Shadle Otto, he was born July 7, 1919, in Boone. He was raised in Boone and Marshalltown and was a graduate of Marshalltown High School.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater with the 38th Artillery Division and was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was married to Eloise Marie Cooper April 26, 1941, in Waurika, Okla. Following his honorable discharge from the Army in 1945, the couple lived in Grinnell.

He was employed for several years with his father-in-law, moving furniture. He later was employed by Cooper Produce. He and his wife also operated the Yum Yum Shop on West St. In 1960, he was employed as a maintenance mechanic at Grinnell College. He retired in 1966.

Mr. Otto was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife; three children, Steve of Santa Monica, Calif., Kathleen McCune of Grinnell and Mark of Malcom; one brother, Edward of Marshalltown; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Thomas; and one sister, JoAnn Petrie.

Robert Earl Otto

Mr. Robert Earl Otto, 82, of Grinnell, died July 6, 2001, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Robert Otto were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 9, 2001, at Calvary Baptist Church, Grinnell. The Rev. Bruce Feuerbach of Calvary Baptist Church and the Rev. Damon Reese of Ankeny officiated. Music was provided by organist Deb Lombard and soloists Dave Hanson and Mark and Beth Eddy. "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Peace in the Valley" were the music selections.

Pallbearers were LeRoy Calvin, Kevin McAlexander, Blake Cooper, Dan Petrie, Brent Cooper, Dave Petrie, Gary Glandon and Ray Spriggs. Honorary casket bearers were Glen Bell, Ed Otto, Don Cooper, Robert Teed, Walt Jones and Brian Thompson. Veterans ceremonial rites were performed by members of the Grinnell American Legion, with Emily Kolbe playing taps. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

The son of Earl Joseph and Ada Florence Shadle Otto, Robert was born June 7, 1919, in Boone. He was raised in Boone and Marshalltown and was a graduate of Marshalltown High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater with the 38th Division Artillery and was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was married to Eloise Marie Cooper on April 26, 1941, in Waurika, Okla. Upon Robert's honorable discharge from the Army in 1945, the couple made their home in Grinnell. For several years, he was employed with his father-in-law moving furniture and later with Cooper Produce. During this time period, Robert and Eloise also operated the Yum Yum Shop on West Street. In 1960, he was employed by Grinnell College as a maintenance mechanic. He retired in 1966.

Robert was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell. He enjoyed camping and traveling, fishing in Minnesota, and tending to his garden. He also enjoyed house maintenance projects and tinkering with cars. Robert will be remembered most for his love for his wife and family and being a Good Samaritan to his friends and neighbors.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise of Grinnell; three children and their spouses, Steve and Ramona Otto of Santa Monica, Kathleen McCune of Grinnell, and Mark and Joyce Otto of Malcom; one brother Edward Otto of Marshalltown; and five grandchildren, Melissa and Emily Renaud, both of Iowa City, and Megan, Bethany and Colton Otto of Malcom.

His parents; one brother, Thomas Otto; and one sister, JoAnn Petrie, preceded him in death.

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