

Mr. Parkhurst rites today

William Arthur Parkhurst, 76, of 1803 Tenth Ave., Grinnell, died Friday morning, Dec. 2, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Douglas P. Harding, associate pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers will be Alan Beach, Edward Beach, Curtis Brummel, Jeff Brummel, Jerry Grosenbach Jr., Danny Owens and Dennis Rosenberg. Burial will be at Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa.

Masonic fraternal rites were conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Smith Funeral Home by members of Hermon Lodge No. 273, A.F. and A.M.

The son of Charles Earl and Mary L. Sullivan Parkhurst, he was born Sept. 21, 1907, near Lacy. He attended rural schools near Lacy and later attended Newburg High School. He worked at Swift and Co. Produce in Grinnell and Montezuma, and during World War II he was employed at Collins Manufacturing in Cedar Rapids.

He was married to Merna Elizabeth Chase on Nov. 17, 1928, at Oskaloosa. The couple lived in Oskaloosa for a few years where Mr. Parkhurst

was associated with Zephyr Awing Co. and Carpenter Motors. In 1958 he was involved in boiler construction throughout Iowa.

For 10 years the couple lived in Des Moines where he was employed by the Iowa Department of Labor as supervisor of boiler inspections. Following his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Parkhurst made their home here.

He was a member of Hermon Masonic Lodge and Local 83 of the Boilermakers Union, AFL-CIO. For several years he was trustee of the National Board of Boilermakers and Pressure Vessels Union. He had received an honorary award as member of the Board of Boilermakers in Nebraska and West Virginia, and in 1982 received a certificate of appreciation from then Gov. Robert Ray of Iowa.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Elinor Beach and Lorna Brummel, both of Grinnell; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Willard of Des Moines; and two sisters, Inez Eriksen and Mary Grosenbach, both of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Margaret.

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