

Jerome Parmley

Jerome Parmley, 95, of 13453 Highway 6 East, Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Friday, June 30, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Pastor Waylon Taylor of Glidden officiating. Organist will be Alice Renaud, and vocalists will be Delmar and Norma Sharp.

Casket bearers will be Mark Dimit, Lloyd Durr, Kenton Elliott, James McKibbin, and David and Paul Parmley. Honorary bearers will be Harold and Kenneth Jantzen, Melvin Puls, Ron Shilhaneck, Wendall Sleeuwenhoek, Jack Templeton, and Bernard and Olaf Young. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Braxton Dick and Sally Belle Brown Parmley, he was born Dec. 30, 1904, on the family farm near Grinnell. He graduated from Rock Creek School No. 8.

As a young man, he played semi-professional baseball and built and sold battery-powered radios.

He was married to Minnie Jantzen June 9, 1926, in Newton. They farmed in the Rock Creek area, and he was a repairman for the Kellogg Telephone Co. He also worked for the Maytag Company in Newton, Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. of Grinnell and the DeKalb Seed Corn Processing Plant. He was a former director of Rock Creek School No. 8 and was a former member of the Victor Grange.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Fleener and Marlene Parmley, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one brother, Elmer; five half-brothers, Arthur, Samuel, Olen, Luther and Charlie; and seven half-sisters, Eliza Reed, Elizabeth Reed, Mallie Adkins, Dillie Parmley, Linda Adkins, Lucy Butler and Jennie Chase.