

Thomas Parmley

Thomas Paul Parmley, 65, of Grinnell died Sunday, Aug. 27, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ken Wallace, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Parish, officiating. Pianist was Betty Ann Battey. Casket bearers were Doug Callison, Keith Garwood, Bill Gilbreath, Gordon Felper, Dave Ferneau and Craig Schmidt. Honorary bearers were Larry German, Rex Murphy, Ed Patten, Jim Rose and Jim "Whitey" Hotchkin.

Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom.

He was born Nov. 23, 1934, in Grinnell to Vursel and Cecil Messer Parmley. He was a 1952 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was married to Ruth Preston in 1954. Mr. Parmley worked at the Maytag Co. in Newton and the Three Elms Restaurant in Grinnell.

In 1966, he was married to Mary Long Butler in Sycamore, Ill. They lived in Grinnell and operated the Longhorn Restaurant. They later moved to Montezuma and operated the Maid Rite and Tom and Mary's Restaurant.

Following his retirement in the early 1990s, they returned to Grinnell. Mr. Parmley was a member of the Eagles and Elks lodges and the Grinnell American Legion.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Lisa Parmley of Council Bluffs and Valerie Leviton and Sylvia Parmley, both of Tucson, Ariz.; five sons, Chris of Council

Bluffs, Brad, Rick and Michael Butler, all of Grinnell, and Randy Butler of Walden, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Barker and Linda Parmley, both of Gilman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jack.



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Tom Parmley, 65, of Grinnell and formerly of Montezuma, died Aug. 27, 2000 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Visitation began at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell today, Aug. 30 at 9 a.m. and the family will be present at the funeral home this evening from 6:30-8 p.m.

Mr. Parmley's funeral will be Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with burial in Ivy Hill Cemetery near Malcom.

Mr. Parmley was born Nov. 23, 1934 in Grinnell to Vursel and Cecil Messer Parmley. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1952.

In 1954, he married Ruth Preston in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell and he worked for Maytag Company in Newton and for the US Postal Service. He also operated Three Elms restaurant

in Grinnell.

In 1966, he married Mary Long Butler in Sycamore, Ill. The couple lived in Grinnell and owned and operated The Long Horn in Grinnell and later, the Maid Rite and Tom and Mary's restaurants in Montezuma. They retired in the early 1990s in Grinnell.

Mr. Parmley was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Elks Lodge of Grinnell and the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brother, Jack Parmley.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Parmley of Grinnell; three daughters, Lisa Parmley of Council Bluffs, Valerie Leviton and Sylvia Parmley, both of Tucson; five sons, Chris Parmley of Council Bluffs, Randy Butler of Walden, NY; Rick and Michael Butler of Grinnell and Brad Parmley of Grinnell; seven grandchildren and two sisters, Mary Barker and Linda Parmley, both of Grinnell.

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