

H-R December 15, 1986

Mr. Pearson rites Tuesday

Richard A. Pearson, 56, of 1628 Fifth Ave., Grinnell, died Friday, Dec. 12, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Ottumwa, with the Rev. Charles Rice of the Munterville Lutheran Church officiating. Organist will be Myrna Peterson. Pallbearers will be Joe Fadiga, Troy Foster, Todd Olson, Don Stevens, Lee Valentine and Mike Valentine.

Burial will be in the Munterville Cemetery.

The son of Orval and Mildred Caves Pearson, he was born in Hopewell, Va., on Aug. 16, 1930. He moved with his family to Ottumwa where he graduated from Ottumwa High School.

On Dec. 13, 1957, he was married to Ardath Rupe at Bloomfield. He was manager of the Ideal Ready Mix Co. at Bloomfield and, later, at Centerville. The couple moved to Brooklyn in 1982 where he was employed as a truck dispatcher for Manatt's Inc. The couple had lived in Grinnell for the past three months.

Mr. Pearson is survived by his wife; one son, Michael of Ankeny; four daughters, Rebecca Hartz of Des Moines and Patricia Fadiga, Joni Pearson and Linda Valentine, all of Centerville; his mother, Mildred Pearson of Ottumwa; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.