

Willis Pease

Willis Calvin Pease, 71, of 803 Sixth Ave., Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, March 26, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Melinda Cree, pastor of the Malcom United Methodist Church, officiating. Pianist will be Greg Hawkins, vocalist will be Gene Edelen, and Madison Tomfeld will play harmonica. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Susan Kies Gant, Kurt Gant, Douglas Kies, Meaghen Pease, Scott Pease, Becky Pease, Chad Miller, Matthew Miller, Brandon Miller, Jerrod Miller and Bradley Pease.

Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom. Memorials in Mr. Pease's name may be made to Hospice Grinnell or the Malcom United Methodist Church.

The son of Walter Calvin and Ethel A. Smith Pease, he was born July 10, 1920, near Flagler, Colo. The family moved to Tama and later to Benton County where he attended rural school.

He was married to Charlotte I. Heitsman, Oct. 1, 1944, in Newton. They farmed near Malcom until 1984 when they retired. They moved to their home in Grinnell in 1986.

Mr. Pease is survived by his wife; one son, Dwight of Grinnell; three daughters, Beverly Kies of Grinnell and Marilyn Miller and Carol Pease, both of Brooklyn; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother, Delmar of Molalla, Ore.; and three sisters, Florence Croskrey of Vancouver, Wash., Helen Rabe of Blairstown and Audrey Haunsperger of Kellogg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter; one brother, Wayne; and two sisters, Lola and Nina Davis.