

## Leonard O.E. Pederson

Leonard O.E. Pederson, 91, of 1304 Summer St., Grinnell, died Friday, April 21, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Raymond Lott officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalists were Ruth Ann Dayton and Wilma Schmitz.

Pallbearers were Eric Pederson, Roald Pederson, Greg Carmichael, Tim Fisher, Greg Kaisand, Larry Wilson, Jim Neleman, Kirk Pederson and Dana Pederson. Honorary bearers were Harold Fetzer, Glenn Harris, Floyd Lacina, Art McDowell, Ross Mintle and Warner Renaud. *P-9175*

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or Grinnell General Hospital.

The son of Ommund and Bertha Tokle Pedersen, he was born March 19, 1898, near Grinnell. He attended rural school.

He was married to Augusta Mehlin Nov. 1, 1922, at Newton. The couple farmed in the Grinnell area until 1952 when he moved to Grinnell. He worked for the ASCS office and served on the Poweshiek County ASCS Committee. He also worked as a township assessor.

Mr. Pederson was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's Club, the Farmers Union, the Chester Royal Grange, the Izaak Walton League, the Texas Winter Visitors Club, and the Grinnell Rural Volunteer Fire Department, of which he was a charter member.

Surviving are his wife, Augusta; two sons, Donald and Roger, both of Grinnell; one daughter, Norma Kaisand of Grinnell; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Anna Holley of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Leonard Jr.; and five brothers, Paran, Orville, Edwin, Lawrence and William.

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