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Clarence W. Peters, former police chief, dies at age 74

Clarence W. "Bill" Peters, 74, former Grinnell chief of police, died Thursday, May 9, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and pallbearers were Max Allen, Jim Bufum, Ted Clausen, Harry Kingsley, Glenn Leggett, Darrel Lamb and Larry Wray.

Military rites were conducted by members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery, Jasper County.

The son of Herbert W. and Hulda Thompson Peters, he was born June 17, 1921, in Grinnell, where he received his education. He was a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was married to Hazel Slagle July 17, 1943, in Grinnell. They lived in Japan, Panama, Iceland and on several Army bases in the U.S., returning to Grinnell in 1962.

Mr. Peters worked as a firefighter before being appointed chief of police in 1964. He served as chief until his retirement in June 1983. He was a member of the American Legion and the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his wife; his children, Susan Renbarger, Sally Goodrich and Bill Peters, all of Grinnell; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Raymond and Claude.