

Gerald Sampson

Gerald P. Sampson, 76, of 1602 Summer St., Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Thursday, Feb. 29, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lon Lewis, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Bob Sampson, John Sampson, Ken Saunders II, Mike Saunders, Dale Saunders Jr., Tim Saunders, Jim Saunders and Paul Eker Jr. Burial was in Lower Blue Point Cemetery south of Grinnell.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Sampson's name may be made to the Blue Point Church Restoration Fund or to the United Methodist Church.

The son of Lewis and Garnet Davis Sampson, he was born June 29, 1919, in Grinnell. He was a 1938 graduate of Grinnell High School, and following his education he worked with his father in the Sampson and Son Building Contractors Co.

He was married to Addie Mae Saunders Sept. 6, 1942, in Columbia, Mo. He then served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the European theater.

He returned to Grinnell in November 1945 and worked as an electrician for Iowa Southern Utilities Co. until his retirement in 1982.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the American Legion.

Surviving is his twin sister, Geraldine Peak of Topeka, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, Lynn and Carroll; and one sister, Genevieve.

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