

### J. Richard Sanders

J. Richard Sanders, 85, of Grinnell died of an intestinal ailment Monday, April 16, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Hickory Grove Cemetery near Newburg.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel of Grinnell; one son, James of Falls Church, Va.; and one daughter, Jean Sanders of Cedar Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Shriners Children's Hospital. H-R 4-19-2001

### James R. Sanders

James Richard Sanders, 85, a resident of Grinnell for most of his life, died of an intestinal blood clot Monday, April 16, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 19, at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Hickory Grove Cemetery near Newburg.

Born April 16, 1916, on a farm near Montezuma, he was the son of James Franklin and Gertrude Wright Sanders.

Mr. Sanders graduated from Grinnell High School in 1933. He then worked in the dairy business for a number of years. In 1935, he worked for Lou Terpstra. That dairy was sold, and he then worked at a dairy in Mission Valley near San Diego, Calif. Returning to Grinnell in 1939, he worked for the Swaney dairy and began learning the construction business from Grant Inman.

On Nov. 20, 1941, he was married to Rachel Barns at her parents' home in Grinnell. In May 1942, he entered the service, serving as a carpenter with the Tenth U.S. Navy Construction Battalion (Seabees). From October 1942 to September 1943, he saw duty on Johnston Island in the Pacific. His military honors included the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon.

In 1945, Mr. Sanders was honorably discharged from the service. He returned to Grinnell where he worked briefly for Verlin Atkins' dairy. From 1946 to 1949, he worked for Weitz Construction Co., then started his own construction company. Over the course of his career, he built many homes in Grinnell. In his later years, he specialized in remodeling projects, especially older houses.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Grinnell, the Rotary Club and the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He also served for a time as Fourth Ward Democratic committeeman.

Survivors include his wife, Rachel of Grinnell; one daughter, Jean Sanders of Cedar Rapids; and one son, James of Falls Church, Va. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Maxine Clark; and one brother, Robert.

## James Richard Sanders

James Richard Sanders, 85, a resident of Grinnell for most of his life, died on April 16, 2001 at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Born near Montezuma on April 16, 1916 on the farm of his grandfather, Charles Jacob Sanders. Richard was a descendant of Hettie and Henry Sanders, his great-grandparents.

Richard graduated from Grinnell High School in 1933. He then worked in the dairy business for a number of years. In 1935 he worked for Lou Terpstra. From 1937-39 he worked in a dairy in Mission Valley near San Diego, Calif. Returning to Grinnell in 1939, he worked for the Swaney dairy and began learning the construction business under the tutelage of Grant Inman.

On Nov. 30, 1941, Richard married Rachel Elizabeth Barns at her parents' home in Grinnell. The following May, 1942, he entered the service, serving as a carpenter in the Tenth U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees). From Oct. 28, 1942 to Sept. 14, 1943, he saw duty on Johnston Island in the Pacific. His unit, which had been transported to Hawaii in a Navy transport vessel, forward de-

ployed to Johnston Island in a private yacht that had been pressed into service for use by the Navy during the war. His military honors include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon.

In 1945 Richard was honorably discharged from the service and returned to Grinnell where he worked briefly for Burlin Atkins dairy. From 1946 to 1949 he worked for Weitz Construction Company, then started his own construction business. Over the course of his career Richard built many homes in Grinnell. In his later years he specialized in remodeling projects, especially older houses.

Richard Sanders was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, and the American Legion. He was a former member of the Rotary Club and the Elks Lodge, as well as serving for a time as a ward committeeman in the Democratic Party of Poweshiek County.

Survivors include Richard's wife, Rachel Sanders of Grinnell; one daughter, Jean Sanders of Cedar Rapids; and a son, James Sanders of Falls Church, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Maxine Clark and his brother Robert.

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