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Richard Seeland



Richard C. "Dick" Seeland, 94 of Grinnell died Wednesday, March 17, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and pallbearers were Jim Anderson, Bob Betthausen, Dan Reinders, Jay Johnson, Carl Fenner, Chuck Fenner and Dion Schrack.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Christian and Antonia Sachtschale Seeland, he was born Nov. 9, 1904, on his grandparents' farm near Hazelton. He was raised in Independence and was a 1922 graduate of Independence High School and a 1927 graduate of Grinnell College.

He was married to Jane Campbell Nov. 7, 1931, in Tullahoma, Tenn., and the couple lived briefly in Chicago prior to moving to Grinnell in 1932.

Mr. Seeland was employed by Worth Sports Co., selling baseballs and softballs. He was vice president of the parent company, Lannom Manufacturing, until his retirement in 1972.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ - Congregational, the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge, where he was a 32nd-degree Mason. He also served on the St. Francis Manor Board and the Seeland Park Board. Seeland Park, the St. Francis Manor retirement housing complex, was named in his honor.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann Raridon of Newton and Emily State of Kearney, Neb.; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one sister, Mary Howes.