

Richard Stevens

Richard Frederick Stevens, 81, the father of Karin Connelly of Grinnell, died of a pulmonary infection Monday, Dec. 25, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. He had been visiting his daughter and son-in-law when he became ill.

The body has been cremated.

He was the son of Mae and Fred Stevens and was born Dec. 23, 1914, in Williston, N.D.

Following his graduation from Great Falls High School, he worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps, fighting fires in California and Montana.

He was married to Patricia Lee Bartley July 14, 1936.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in World War II and served aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin Delano Roosevelt during its maiden cruise. After the war he returned to Great Falls where he was employed by the U.S. Post Office until his retirement in 1974 as superintendent of the Black Eagle Falls Post Office. In Great Falls he was active in the Kiwanis and Toastmasters. He sang with the Choraliers and Kiwanis Quartet and performed in "Guys and Dolls," "My Fair Lady" and other musicals.

Following their retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens built a home in West Glacier, Mont. After 1977 they spent winters in Sun City, Ariz., where Mr. Stevens sang with the Choraliers and the Sun City Men's Chorus.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

Surviving are his daughter, two grandsons, one great-grandson and a brother, John.

Memorial contributions in his name may be sent to the Hospital Arts Advisory Committee, Grinnell Regional Medical Center, 210 Fourth Ave., Grinnell 50112.

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