Robert Osborn

Robert Osborn, 87, of 2036 Orchard Drive, Grinnell, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home, with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pianist will be Kathleen McCune and vocalist will be Robert Peters. Casket bearers will be Greg Bryan, Chris Halstead, Ray Heimann, Jerry Holcomb, Kenny Lindblom and Kenneth Saunders. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday beginning at noon with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Robert Osborn Memorial Fund, % Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell.

He was born Dec. 6, 1917, near Newburg to W.J. and Elizabeth McDowell Osborn. The family lived on various farms in the Grinnell area and he attended rural schools and Grinnell High School. He was married on March 1, 1942, to Margaret Bryan at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple lived in Grinnell and he served with the United States Army during World War II. Following the war he worked in the research and development department at Maytag Company in Newton for 30 years. He served on the City of Grinnell's planning and zoning commission and was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; one son Sam Osborn of Cedar Rapids and one brother Keith Osborn of Montezuma. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Wayne Osborn and one sister Marie Rook.

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