

Jerry Youngbeck



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Jerry Youngbeck, 85, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be by Jim Velzy and the St. Mary's Choir. Casket bearers will be Richard Bachman, Matt Bigler, Dennis Conway, Lamoyne Gaard, Jack Marcum, Duke McCurry and Troy Mertens. Honorary bearers will be Dr. John DeMeulenaere, Eugene Fenske, Jim George, William Jones, Don Pederson, Art Picard, David Snyder, Paul Stoppels and Harry Taylor. Interment with military honors will be in the veterans' section of Hazelwood Cemetery. A scripture service will be held Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home from 12 noon to 9 p.m. Oct. 14. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Dollars for Scholars or St. Mary's Parish Foundation in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112.

He was born Sept. 11, 1919, in Sutton, N.D., the son of John and Sophia Wild Youngbeck. He was raised in Griggs County, near Cooperstown, N.D., and graduated from high school there. During the 1930s he played baseball for the Cooperstown American Legion baseball teams. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mayville College in North Dakota in 1950 and the master of arts degree in education from North Dakota University, Grand Forks, N.D.

During World War II, he served with the United States Army, participating in Operation Tiger on the English Channel on April 28, 1944, and also in D Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944. He taught business education in Bellview, Minn., and Perry, Iowa, before moving in 1952 to Grinnell where he taught business education and typing at Grinnell High School until his retirement in 1985. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grinnell Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Grinnell Civil Service Commission. He also was a member of the Iowa Retired Teachers Association and Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by two sisters, Phyllis Gantz of Ault, Colo., and Edna Laing of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Ella, Hilda and Erna and four brothers, John, Reuben, Alonzo and Alex.