

Paul Thomson

Paul Thomson, 80, died Thursday, April 29, at St. Francis Manor where he had been a resident since 1995.

Services were held Monday, May 3, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Stewart officiating. Organ music was by Denise Baustian and vocal music was by Milton Severe. Honorary bearers were Jon, Robbie and Ben Thomson, Angie and Chad Nott, Floyd Heishman, Tom Lowry, Keith Gregory, George Hauser, Kent Rasmussen, Lee Searles and Russ Sams. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of B. Reed and Nora Thomson, he was born May 3, 1918, on his family's farm northeast of Grinnell. He attended country school near his home and was a 1937 graduate of Grinnell High School. He attended Central College in Pella and later Chillicothe Business School in Missouri.

He worked for Iowa State University as a field inspector for certification and later worked in the office of John Deere in Waterloo. He was a veteran of the National Guard with the 34th Division during World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy, and received the Purple Heart after being injured in combat. After his discharge, he returned to Grinnell to farm his parents' farm.

He was married to Barbara Carter on Jan. 20, 1946, and the couple continued farming for many years. Mr. Thomson later was employed with Life Investors of Cedar Rapids and as a realtor for Hamilton Realty. He moved to Seeland Park in 1992.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of Grinnell; two sons, Carter of Grinnell and Martin of Searsboro; one sister, Helen Gammer of Diamond Bar, Calif., and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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