

H-R July 27, 1981
Van Donselaar rites Tuesday

Henry Van Donselaar, 80, of 1827 Prairie St., Grinnell, formerly of the Lynnville area, died Thursday afternoon of a heart condition at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Friends Church in Lynnville, with the Rev. Keith Briggs, pastor of the First Friends Church of Grinnell, officiating. Music will be provided by the Toppenberg family. Pallbearers will be John, Roger, Jim, Tim and Tom Van Donselaar and Philip Speas. Honorary bearers will be Roscoe Brand, Harold Churchill, Bernard Kooistra, Kenneth Ratcliff, Ross Ratcliff and Myron White. Flower bearers will be Vivian Graham and Betty Ratcliff. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Jurrien and Dirkje Wanders Van Donselaar, he was born Dec. 10, 1900, at Pella. He attended Pella schools, later moving to Holland with his parents. The family returned to Lynnville and he began his career in farming.

He was married to Grace Eleanor Speas on Oct. 28, 1926, at Bangor. The couple had seven children. Mr. and Mrs.

Van Donselaar lived on a farm in the Sugar Creek community south of Grinnell until moving to Grinnell in November 1960.

Mr. Van Donselaar was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church where he taught Sunday School for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; his children, Dorothy Wagoner of Ceres, Calif., Gordon Van Donselaar of Grinnell, Marvin Van Donselaar of Snowflake, Ariz., Juanita Wilson and LaVerne Van Donselaar, both of Fort Worth, Texas, Paul Van Donselaar of Brea, Calif., and Evelyn Kirkpatrick of Green Acres, Wash.; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.