

# Grinnell man dies in apparent drowning

John Gordon Van Donselaar, 30, of Grinnell died in an apparent drowning accident Sunday at Rock Creek Lake in Jasper County. *July 6*

Authorities had searched for Van Donselaar for some six hours before recovering his body at about 4:15 p.m. He had been reported missing Sunday morning, and fishermen found his twin sons sitting on the

shore at approximately 10 a.m.

Searchers found Van Donselaar's wallet in shallow water prior to recovering the body. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell Christian Church in Grinnell, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

*#-R July 7, 1986*

## *#-R July 10, 1986* Van Donselaar rites conducted

John G. Van Donselaar, 30, of Grinnell, the administrator of Friendship Manor nursing home, died in a drowning accident Sunday, *July 6* at Rock Creek Lake State Park in Jasper County.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Curtis Brouwer of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Organist was Nancy Sears, and vocalists were the Rev. Craig Whitlatch and Glenn Speas.

Pallbearers were Mike Johnson, Ron Lang, Roger Roland, Kenneth Saunders, William D. Smith, Leon Wilson, Jim Van Donselaar and Roger Van Donselaar. Honorary bearers were Mike Durr, Larry Griewe, David Jones, Jerry Lang, Larry Mindrup, Robert Mattson and Scott Weiser. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Van Donselaar's name may be left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Gordon and Lois Huff Van Donselaar, he was born on March 4, 1956, in Grin-

nell. He was a graduate of Grinnell High School where he participated in cross country and intramural sports. He attended Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kan., for two years, then attended Des Moines Area Community College where he received his training in nursing home administration. For the past few years he was associated with his family in the management of Friendship Manor here.

He is survived by his wife Tamra; his children Michael John, Joshua Gordon and Jessica Rae; his parents; his brothers, Roger and James; and his paternal grandmother, Grace Van Donselaar.