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Clarence Van Wechel

Clarence Van Wechel, 92, of Grinnell died Monday, Feb. 7, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Carman Center of the Mayflower, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry, pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, officiating. Pianist will be Alice Renaud.

The body has been cremated, and burial will be at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery, Vinton.

The son of Allen and Wilhelmina Muilenburg Van Wechel, he was born Dec. 8, 1907, in Sioux Center. He was raised in Orange City and was a graduate of Orange City High School. He was employed by the Sioux County engineer for 15 years.

He was married to Sylvia Boeyink June 17, 1932, in Nebraska. They lived in Orange City prior to moving to Vinton in 1941. He was employed by Cambier-Van Wechel Motors in Vinton.

In 1946, he moved to Manchester and owned and operated Van Wechel Motors there. He moved to Grinnell in 1959 and was employed by Van Wechel Motors, owned by his brother, Mel. He retired in 1971 and spent his winters in McAllen, Texas, and his summers in Deer River, Minn.

Mr. Van Wechel returned to Grinnell in 1995 and lived at the Mayflower. He was a member of the Lions Club and the Knights of Pythias.

Surviving are two sisters, Helen Van Wechel and Geraldine Postma, both of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; five brothers, Raymond, Kenneth Melvin, Verlan and Lloyd; and one sister, Mildred Lindquist.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the United Church of Christ - Congregational.