

P.D. Varnum



H. R. November 13, 1996

Phineas "P.D." Varnum, 85, of Ames, formerly of Grinnell and Malcom, died of Parkinson's disease Friday, Nov. 8, at Green Hills Care Center in Ames.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Farrell officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

The family will receive friends at St. Mary's from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

He was born Dec. 14, 1910, in Chicago, the son of Clark and Eva Belle Tuttle Varnum. The family moved to Malcom where he was raised and graduated from high school in 1928.

He was married to Annie Reitzler Oct. 23, 1933, in Brooklyn. They lived in Tama. Mr. Varnum served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

The family moved to Malcom in 1948, and Mr. Varnum served as postmaster and as a rural mail carrier. They moved to Grinnell in 1972, and he worked as a mail carrier for the Grinnell Post Office. Mr. and Mrs. Varnum moved to Green

Hills Care Center in Ames in 1990.

He was a member of the Rural Mail Carriers Association, the American Legion and the Grange.

Surviving are his wife, three sons, Don of Ankeny, Frank of Los Alamitos, Calif., and Tom of North Redington Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, John; and three brothers, Victor, Clark and Laurent.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Church Foundation.

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The Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Farrell, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery at Brooklyn.

Varnum was born on Dec. 14, 1910, at Chicago, Ill., to Clark and Eva Belle Tuttle Varnum. The family moved to Malcom, where he was raised and graduated from Malcom High School with the class of 1928. On Oct. 23, 1933, he was married to Annie Reitzler at Brooklyn. The couple lived at Tama and he served with the United States Army during World War II. The family moved to Malcom in 1948 and he served as postmaster of the Malcom Post Office and as a rural mail carrier. In 1972, the couple moved to Grinnell and he worked as a rural mail carrier for the Grinnell Post Office. Mr. and Mrs. Varnum moved to Green Hills Care Center at Ames in 1990.

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Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Church Foundation. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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