

## 'Bo' Vitera rites Thursday

Lawrence "Bo" Vitera, 74, of 817 Center St., Grinnell, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert D. Cook, pastor of the New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines, officiating. Organist was Barbara Lien, and vocalist was Molly Webb. Pallbearers were Ed Brand, Gerald Cline, Larry Cook, Cliff Duncan, Arlo Hall and Tom McBee.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Odd Fellows Lodge, and graveside rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Vitera's name may be made to Grinnell General Hospital.

He was the son of James and Lula Kirby Vitera and was born on Oct. 7, 1913, at Tilton, Iowa. He was raised in Barnes

City and graduated from Barnes City High School in 1933.

On May 24, 1942, he was married to Myrtle Lee Smith at Memphis, Mo. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. After his discharge, he worked as an auto mechanic for several local dealerships, retiring from Wes Finch Chevrolet-Oldsmobile in 1982. He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion, the Odd Fellows Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Vitera is survived by his wife, Myrtle; one son, Jerry of Grinnell; a daughter, Debra Herrold of Des Moines; two grandsons; two brothers, Jimmy of Montezuma and Rex of Manson; and two sisters, Rose Ida Sipe of Glendale, Ariz., and Betty Wide of Deep River.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Orville.