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L. Denver Walker, 87, of Grinnell died Monday, April 27, at St. Francis Manor of a heart ailment.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 1, at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Gilman. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday and the family will be present from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Gilman United Methodist Church.

Mr. Walker was born March 12, 1911, at Clark, S.D., to Roy E. and Tilla Rasp Walker. The family moved to Newburg and he graduated in 1929 from Newburg High School. Following his education he worked for the family produce company in Newburg.

On Sept. 26, 1938, he was married to Doris M. Clay at Macon, Mo. The family moved to Gilman and operated Walker's Super Value until 1970. In 1971 the family moved to Wadena and owned and operated the Wadena General Store until 1979 when they moved to Grinnell.

As a resident of Gilman, Mr. Walker was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church and superintendent of its Sunday School. He also was a member of the Gilman School board, the Gilman City Council, the Gilman Volunteer Fire Department and the Gilman Lions Club. He also was a lay speaker at area churches. He later was a member of the Volga United Methodist Church, the Wadena Businessmen's Club and the Wadena City Council. Upon moving to Grinnell he became a member of the United Methodist Church and the Grinnell Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife Doris Walker of Grinnell; one son James Walker of Marshalltown; two daughters, Charlene Beisner of Bloomingdale, Ill., and Deniece Walker of Lynnville; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Lola Butcher and two brothers, Wendell and Orville Walker.

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