

Clark L. Watkins

Clark L. Watkins, 95, of the Mayflower died Friday, March 13, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday. A Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was the son of Moses and Olive McHone Watkins and was born March 10, 1903, in Wheaton Township, S.D. He attended schools in Tulare, S.D., and moved to a farm near Elkhart in 1919. He was a 1921 graduate of North Polk High School. He also attended the former Des Moines University and cared for his mother following his father's death.

He was married to Hazel E. Neeley June 25, 1939, in Des Moines. They lived in Freeport, Ill., where he sold Maytag appliances. During World War II he moved to Grinnell and served as a territory manager for The Des Moines Register and Tribune. In 1947, he became a partner in the former Grinnell Motor Co. He retired in 1967 and worked for the Smith Funeral Home for several years.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and served as a lay leader, a delegate to the United Methodist Annual Conference and as former director of lay speaking in the church's Newton District.

He served on the Grinnell Planning and Zoning Commission, the Grinnell Human Rights Commission, the Poweshiek County Planning Commission, the Poweshiek County Board of Review and the Care Review Committee of St. Francis Manor. He was also a former master of the Masonic Lodge in Grinnell.

For over five years, he volunteered at Davis School in the reading skills program. He received a citation from the governor for his efforts in the school district.

Surviving are one son, John of West Grove, Pa., and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one sister, Gladys Sisson; and one brother, Homer.

Memorials may be made to the Mayflower.