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March 29, 2001

J. Paul Wilson



J. Paul Wilson, 88, of 921 Orchard Dr., Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Tuesday, March 27, at St. Francis Manor.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

A private family service is scheduled for Friday at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery northwest of Grinnell. Mr. Wilson's grandchildren will serve as casket bearers.

He was born March 2, 1913, near Newton to Irving and Nettie Gray Wilson. He was raised on the family farm, attended rural school and graduated from Kellogg High School in 1932.

He was married to Imo Dell McCaslen Oct. 7, 1934. The couple farmed in the Kellogg, Newton and Rock Creek areas before retiring in 1970 and moving to Grinnell. Mr. Wilson had been a resident of Seeland Park since the fall of 2000.

He was a member of the Farm Bureau and the former Mount Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Leon of Grinnell and Clair of Newton; one daughter, Kathryn Larsen of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Bates of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Nola Masters; and one brother, Max.