

Carl D. Wittrup

Carl D. Wittrup, 60, of 1620 Fourth Ave., Grinnell, a member of the Grinnell City Council, died of a heart attack Thursday, Jan. 19, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epper-son, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist will be Sue Martindale, and pianist will be Becky McCarty. Pallbearers will be Richard Ahrens, Jim Bell, Norman Bell, Doyle Burkett, Allen Dean, Harvey Martindale, Roy Rupe and Lennie Smith. Honorary bearers will be Don Ahrens, Glen Bell, Bill Burk, Richard Dean, Eugene Lang, Ron Lang and Lyle Wiley.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. A memorial fund in Mr. Wittrup's name is being established, and contributions may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, 50112.

He was born on May 31, 1934, in Searsboro. He attended rural school and later attended Grinnell schools.

He was married to Joan Fistler March 14, 1954, in Brooklyn. The couple lived in Grinnell. Mr. Wittrup worked for Miracle Recreation Equipment Co., and in 1961 he founded Carl's Welding and, later, Carl's Crane Service. In 1990 he became associated with Commnet Cellular Co. as a sales representa-tive.

He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church, the Elks Lodge and the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce. He was serving as a member of the City Council, representing Grinnell's Fourth Ward.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Carla Sayklay of Dal-las, Texas, Lisa Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Debra Scates of Dallas; one son, David of Iowa City; his mother, Alice Wittrup of Ely, Minn.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Dean and Ron, both of Ely; and three sisters, Laura Wit-trup and Mildred Potter, both of Ely, and Grace Stephenson of Mon-tezuma.

He was preceded in death by his father.

4th Ward Councilman Carl Wittrup dies at 60; Miller says he'd serve

Fourth Ward City Councilman Carl Wittrup, 60, died of a heart at-tack Thursday evening.

Paramedics were called to the Wittrup home at 1620 Fourth Ave. at about 6:30 p.m. He was trans-ported to Grinnell Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Wittrup had undergone two heart surgeries during the past several months but was thought to have been recovering well. He had at-tended last Monday's City Council meeting and appeared to be in good health.

Wittrup was elected to the council in November 1991 and was in the final year of his four-year term.

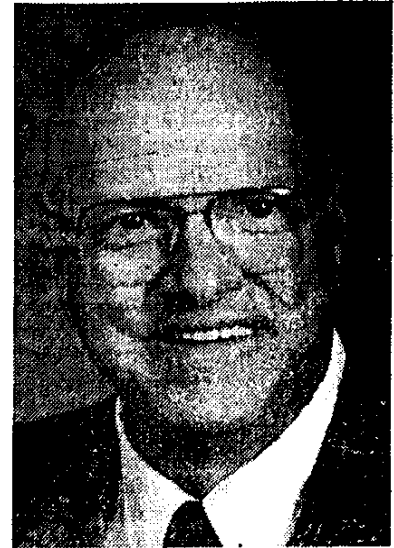
Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery. (A complete obituary appears on Page 5.)

Grinnell Mayor Bob Anderson asked local residents to fly their flags at half staff on Tuesday.

"I found Carl to be a dedicated civic leader and a believer in doing what's right," the mayor said. "I enjoyed working with him, and I grieve for his family."

His death means that the Fourth Ward seat must now be filled, ei-ther by council appointment or by special election.

City Clerk Pam Rupe said that the council must meet and decide whether to make an appointment or hold an election. In the event the council opts for an appointment, a legal notice will be printed in The Herald-Register advising the public of that decision. If the public wants an election, a petition must be cir-



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culated and the signatures of at least 15 percent of the number vot-ing in the last Fourth Ward election obtained, Rupe said.

Speculation immediately centered on former Councilman Jim Miller, who represented the ward for 32 years prior to his retirement at the end of 1991.

Miller told The Herald-Register Friday that he had been approached by at least two city officials and asked to consider accepting an ap-pointment. He said that he would be willing to serve out the remain-der of Wittrup's term, which ends Dec. 31, but would not run for elec-tion to a new four-year term in the fall.

"I feel a certain obligation, be-cause I talked Carl into running," he said. "But I wouldn't be inter-ested in running again for a full term."

Miller also said that he would want the council to be unanimous in appointing him to fill the unex-pired term.

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