

Wilson R. Beaty



Wilson R. Beaty, 85, 1332 Elm St., Grinnell, died at his home Monday, June 23, 2003.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Del Dawes, officiating. Casket bearers will be Michael and Richard Bowers, Doug Jerde, Michael and Ron Roderick, Mel Rummelhart and Dick Zobel. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit will do a flag presentation. Burial will be in Finchford Cemetery near Finchford, Iowa. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Monday and the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the Micah Jerde Memorial Fund, % First National Bank, PO Box 227, Newell S.D. 57760.

He was born Jan. 6, 1918, on the family farm near Finchford to Rosco and Vera Short Beaty. He was raised on the family farm, attended rural school and graduated from Finchford High School. He served with the United States Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Saratoga in the Pacific theater of war. On Jan. 7, 1938, he was married to Edna Mae Natzke in Cedar Falls. They lived in Long Beach, Calif., and later in Cedar Falls and Albia. They moved to Grinnell in 1944 where he was a partner in Grinnell Motor Company from 1946 to 1986.

He formerly was a mayor of Grinnell and a member of the Grinnell City Council. He also was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the Grinnell Eagles Lodge and the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He was an avid bowler and was inducted into the Iowa Eagles Hall of Fame.

He is survived by three daughters, Gale Bowers of Springfield, Va.; Judie Roderick of Evergreen, Colo., and Bonnie Jerde of Reva, S.D.; 12 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and one sister Betty Jean Gambiana of Waverly. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one son Michael Beaty; one grandson, Micah Jerde; one brother Warren Beaty and two sisters Dorabelle Howard and Beulah Mae Natzke.

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