

Floyd E. Collins



Floyd E. Collins, 88, of 1800 Fifth Ave., Grinnell, died at his home on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

A funeral service will be held Monday, April 26, at 1 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home in Queen City, Mo., with burial in Jimtown Cemetery near Queen City. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon Sunday with the family present from 2 to 4 p.m.

He was born to Cleo Vance and Maude Ester Collins on Sept. 13, 1915, in Schyler County, Mo., near Worthington. He was raised on the family farm, attended rural schools

and graduated from Worthington High School. He attended both Baptist and Christian Churches in Worthington and sang in church choirs with a group of neighborhood children.

He was married to Vernadine Grace Flynn and the couple lived in Missouri and Iowa throughout most of their married life. During World War II they lived in Rockford, Ill., where he was foreman of a plant that built B-29 airplanes. They later moved to Grinnell where he spent 30 years as night manager of the Chief Alfa plant.

He enjoyed researching genealogy and contributed to two separate hard-bound books on the Collins family. During the 1960s he belonged to the Grinnell Saddle Club and was a farrier for many years. He also was a long-time member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife Vernadine Collins of Grinnell; three daughters, Billie Byers of Tampa, Fla., Donna Culver of Melbourne, Fla., and Roberta (Micah) Rasner of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three sisters, Elsie Oliver of Queen City, Mo.; Okylle Steen of Princeton, Iowa, and E. Sharlene Rowland of Unionville, Mo., and one brother, Robert Collins of Las Cruces, N. M. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald Collins and his twin brother, Loyde Collins; three infant sisters, Roberta, Nadine and Estaline and two infant brothers, Olin and Warren.

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