

Gerald E. Edwards



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Gerald Eugene Edwards, 81, of Grinnell died Friday, Feb. 27, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral services for Gerald Edwards will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Howard Lord officiating. Pallbearers will be Craig, Grant, Scott and Tom Edwards, Larry and Mike Halverson, and Brian and Mike Schafer. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery southwest of Grinnell

The son of Andrew Emmett and Theresa "Rose" Lauber Edwards, he was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Kellogg. He was raised there and was a 1940 grad of Kellogg High School.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, both in World War II and in Korea.

He married Iona Krumm Benson on June 23, 1950, in Marshalltown, and the couple made their home in Kellogg, where he owned and operated a grocery store prior to moving to Riverside, Calif., in 1956. There, he worked with Safeway Groceries until retiring in 1974.

He returned to Iowa and made his home at Rock Creek Lake, then moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1996.

He was a charter and 50-year member of the Kellogg Lions Club and was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Kellogg Historical Society and the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Iona, of Grinnell; a daughter, Peggy Schafer of Flagstaff, Ariz.; three sons, Craig of Kearns, Utah and Grant and Scott, both of Quincy, Calif.; two sisters, Colleen Spain of Newton and Dooty Huber of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Paul of Broken Arrow, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Donald and Everett.

Memorials may be directed to the Kellogg Museum or the Westfield Cemetery Association.