

Bernard P. Fleener

Bernard P. Fleener, 76, of Hemphill, Texas, formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

His body has been cremated and funeral services will be held at a later date.

He was born in Grinnell on April 8, 1927, to Henry Lafayette and Mary Agnes Ryan Fleener. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a graduate of Drake University in Des Moines and pursued a career in education including coach, teacher, counselor, dean of students, principal and assistant superintendent of schools including tenures in Colfax and Perry, Iowa; Galesburg, Chicago and Champaign, Ill., and Port Arthur and Kirbyville, Texas.

He was active throughout his life in fraternal organizations, including the Masonic Lodge, the Elks Lodge, the Eagles Lodge and the Grinnell Odd Fellows Lodge.

He spent his retirement years at his home in Toledo Bend Lake, Hemphill, Texas, with his wife Gloria.

He is survived by two daughters, Lynnette Fleener Lothman of Duri, Indonesia, and Cari Fleener Papania of Hemphill; five grandchildren; one son Jon Timothy Fleener; one brother Dale Fleener of Grinnell; a half brother, Harrison Fleener of Traer and a close friend, Arlene Davenport of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 47 years, Gloria Fleener, and two sisters, Dorothy Snyder and Anne Vogel.

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