

James W. Fuller



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James W. Fuller, 91, of Grinnell, formerly of Gilman, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William Iammatteo-Code, pastor of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, officiating. Music was by Janice Everts, pianist, and Bill Surburg, vocalist. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

He was born Oct. 26, 1922, in Laurel to James and Florence Hainke Fuller. He was raised on the family farm near Ferguson and attended rural school, later graduating from Ferguson High School.

He was married in 1939 to Helen Mellrath in Marshalltown. The couple farmed near Grinnell and Newburg before moving to the Gilman area to farm in the mid-1940s. He operated a grain and livestock farm southwest of Gilman until his retirement in 1976. He lived in the Gilman area until 1998 when he moved to Mayflower.

He was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ.

He is survived by three daughters, Janice Lyman of Newton, Sheryl Nott of Arnold, Mo., and Kay Heinselman of rural Kellogg; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren and one great great grandson; two brothers, Marshall Fuller of Marshalltown and Gilbert Fuller of State Center, and two sisters, Marie Poling and Edith Botts, both of Marshalltown. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, three brothers, Harvey, Ben and Orville Fuller, and one sister Ruby Poling.