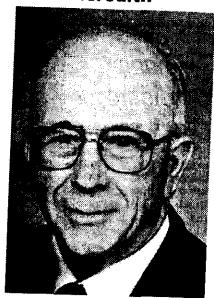
Ervin Meredith



APRIL 7, 2003

Ervin Meredith, 73, of Grinnell died Saturday, April 5, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Ervin Meredith will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at the First Friends Church in Grinnell, with Pastor Pete Schular of Lymnville officiating. Pianist will be Pat Banwart; vocalists will be Don Forsman and Christy Berkenbosch. Pallbearers will include Paul Berkenbosch, Joel and Steven Fath, Matt Heston, Gary and Todd Milburn and Geoff Peak. Honorary bearers will include Bob Burnham, Harvey Mikel and Arnold Ratcliff.

Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville.

The son of Marshall and Velva Vander Pol Meredith, he was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Lynn Grove Township in Jasper County. He attended school in Searsboro and graduated from Lynnville High School in 1948. He later attended Iowa State University.

He married Marilyn Graham on June 30, 1949, in Nashua. The couple farmed in Sugar Creek and later in Chester Township prior to moving to Grinnell in 1986.

In Grinnell, he worked with the city water department until his retirement in 1997.

He was a member of the Friends Church, Promise Keepers, Gilman Flying Club and the Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Velva of Newton; four daughters, Shirley Milburn of Grinnell, Deborah Fath of Goshen Ind. Theresa Meredith of Des Moines and Christy Berkenbosch of Adel; two sisters, Irma Jansen of Pella and Lois Witzky of El Paso, Texas; one brother, Bruce Meredith of Newton; and eleven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ervin Meredith Memorial Fund, care of Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.