

H-R SEPT. 8, 2003

Donald W. Niemants

Donald W. Niemants, 85, of Grinnell died on Friday, Sept. 5, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for Donald Niemants will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at noon on Thursday. The family will be present that day from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the Mayflower Home Human Needs Fund or to the United Methodist Church in Grinnell.

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A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. at Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner and vocalist will be Marty Duffus. Casket bearers will be Mike and Charles Arment, Jim Niemantsverdriet, Ronald Reedy and Alex and Nathan Shults. Honorary bearers will be Harold Brown and Madison Tomfeld. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Thursday with the family present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 29, 1917, at Killduff to Jacob and Nellie Van Zante Niemants. He was raised in the Grinnell area and attended Grinnell schools. During World War II, he served with the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. On June 22, 1947, he was married to Dorothy Arment in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell and he attended an air conditioning and electrician commercial trade school in Chicago, Ill. He was a journeyman electrician, retiring in 1983 from Brown Brothers Construction Company in Des Moines.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, Hermon Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Niemants of Grinnell; one daughter, Linda Lannom of Grinnell; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother Russell Niemantsverdriet of Marshalltown and one sister Lena Booy of Battle Creek, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister Ruth Niemants and two brothers, Lester and Harry Niemants.