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James L. Paul



James Lowry Paul, 89, of Grinnell, formerly of Gilman, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at Mayflower.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Gilman Community-United Church of Christ with the Rev. William Iammatteo-Code, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Janice Everts. Casket bearers will be Paul Anderson, Dan Carnahan, Paul Carnahan, Atul Gupta, Dave Runner, Steve Schultz, Jeff Terpstra and Byron Worley. Honoary bearers will be Emery Kaisand, Guilford Moore, Hugh Loudon, Truman Rosedale, Don Runner and Cecil Shedenhelm. Interment will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday and the family will be present at the church 45 minutes prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the American Alzheimer's Association.

He was born May 27, 1914, at his grandfather's house southwest of Gilman, the son of Thomas Hugh and Anna Mae Lowry Paul. He graduated from Newburg High School in 1932, then enrolled at the former Iowa State College in Ames, studying agricultural engineering before returning to the Newburg area to help his family recover from the depression. In May, 1938, he was married to Frances Ann Willard and they farmed together throughout their lives southwest of Gilman.

Realizing the importance of conservation, he was one of the first area farmers to adopt many soil and water conservation practices, both as a farmer and as a Jasper County Soil Conservation Commissioner. He also was active in his church and community, serving on several local boards.

In addition he had a great love for horses, using them when he first began farming. Following retirement he enjoyed training them and took pride in exhibiting his teams in many area parades. Both he and his wife were longtime members of the Gilman Saddle Club.

He is survived by one daughter, Betty Webb of Gilman; two granddaughters, Whitney Worley of Grinnell and Sherry Gupta of Grimes; two sisters Ada Pearl Roovaart of Montezuma and Annette Barton of Grinnell; one brother Francis Paul of Phoenix, Ariz., and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, one sister Grace McDonald and two brothers in childhood.