

## Burton M. Rank, 92

Burton Michael Rank, 92, of Grinnell, and formerly of Deep River, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, at the Mayflower Home, Grinnell.

His funeral service was Friday, Aug. 22, in the Carman Center at the Mayflower Home with Pastor Len Eberhart of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Community Cemetery, Millersburg.

Casket bearers were Jeff Collins, Jim Collins, Tim Niswander, Michael VanDyke, Scott Rank and Steve Rubendall.

Honorary casket bearers were Cecil and Loretta Grimm, Ronald and Janice Grimm, Art and Gen Merck, Kevin Grimm, Marlys Hopwood, Fern Taylor, Teresa Niswander Rubendall and Holly Rank Justice.

Burton was born on Dec. 18, 1911, on a farm near Deep River, the son of Mike and Mary (Hopwood) Rank. Burton graduated from Deep River High School and attended Iowa State College. Burton met Alice Stowe in 1935 and they were married on April 1, 1939, at Green Mountain. To this union, four children were born. They farmed east of Deep River all of their lives. Burton was a true farmer and was one of the

first to establish terraces. The farmstead was established as a Century Farm, and he lived 90 years in the house in which he was born. He loved to garden and enjoyed his livestock. He planted several trees on the farm and especially loved the walnut trees and wood.

Burton is survived by four children: Judy Burton (and Terry) Huegli of Waterloo; Mike Rank of Knoxville; Janice (and Wally) Collins of Bloomington, Minn., and Margaret (and Larry) Niswander of Grinnell; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, Jeff (and Bridgett) Collins and children Cody and Alexis; Jim (and Dana) Collins and children Morgan, Alison and Patrick; Tim Niswander and twin daughters Gabriella and Zoe; Teresa Niswander (and Steve) Rubendall; Michael (and Stacy) VanDyke and children Nathaniel and Rachel; Holly Rank (and Chris) Justice, and Scott Rank; two sisters, Helen Bittinger of Marshalltown and Miriam Stowe of Muscatine, and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, on May 6, 2000; one brother and four sisters, Freeda Taylor, Leah Weiss, Clara Doonan, George Rank and Rose Pendelton.

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