

S. W. Inman rites today



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Silas W. Inman, 77, of 821 Elm St., died early Tuesday morning at Veterans Hospital in Iowa City. He had been ill since last summer and had been hospitalized the past few days.

The son of Grant and Sarah Wadsworth Inman, he was born Feb. 6, 1897, in Grinnell. He attended Grinnell schools and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1917.

While in high school he was an outstanding athlete, earning all-state recognition as a fullback on the football team. During World War I, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and played for the Great Lakes Naval football team for awhile.

Following his discharge, he was married to Ruth Bradley in Grinnell on May 4, 1921. The couple had four children, twin sons S-Sgt. John F. Inman of the U.S. Air Force who was shot down as a tail gunner in a bomber over Germany in 1944 and Silas J. Inman of Grinnell, Mrs. James H. (Mary Ellen) Lynch of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Ray L. (Sally) Roth of

Lemont, Ill.

"Si" Inman was a lifelong resident of Grinnell and owned and operated the S.W. Inman floor contracting business for over 50 years. He was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; his son and two daughters; 10 grandchildren, Mrs. J.W. (Judy) Geise of Lakewood, Colo., Mary Lynch of Los Angeles, Calif., Margaret and Kathleen Lynch of Denver, and Raymond, John, Mary, Marilyn, Geraldine and Peter Roth, all of Lemont; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, John; and two brothers, Harlan R. and John R. Inman.

Funeral services for Mr. Inman were held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John W. McCallum, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Carl Binegar, Ellis Brown, Milton Burr, O.R. Peterson, Richard Sanders and Joe Vaughn.

Graveside rites were conducted by Bill Davenport, commander; Edwin M. Richardson, chaplain; and members of the Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

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