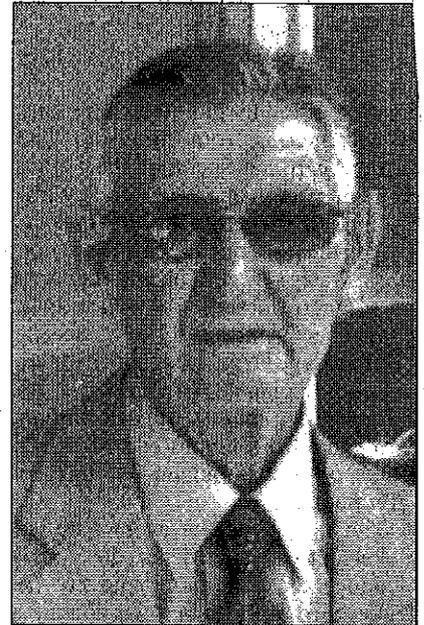


Harris R. Stafford



He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell, serving on several committees including the Council for Health and Welfare Services as past secretary and president; chairman of the nominating committee of the Corporate Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ; superintendent of its Sunday School, chairman of its board of trustees, and many other committees.

He helped organize the Iowa Association of Homes for the Aging, serving as president, legislative coordinator, treasurer and member of its executive committee. He was a member and past president of the Grinnell Kiwanis

Harris Stafford

Harris Stafford, 95, of Grinnell died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 27, at his home in the Mayflower Community.

Funeral plans are pending.

He was executive director of Mayflower from Sept. 1, 1957, until Sept. 1, 1978. During his tenure, several building projects were completed including Pearson Hall/office building, Buckley Hall Apartments/dining hall, Altemeyer Hall apartments and Beebe Hall Health Care Center. He had been a member of the Blairshurg Congregational Church and had served the Iowa Conference of the Congregational Church as its moderator and chairman of its board of directors. He also had served as a member of the boards of directors of Mayflower Homes Inc. and the Mayflower Foundation.

He is survived by four sons. He was preceded in death by his wife Ila on Feb. 25, 2007.

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Harris R. Stafford, 95, of the Mayflower Community died Saturday, Feb. 27, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date this summer. Memorials may be made to the Mayflower Community.

He was born Aug. 17, 1914, in Blairsburg, the son of Harris Adelbert and Mary Agnes McNee Stafford. He was a 1932 graduate of Blairsburg High School and a 1938 graduate of Iowa State University in Ames with a degree in agronomy. He served as a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps, receiving a medical discharge from the armed forces in the fall of 1942.

He was united in marriage with Ila Jane McDonald on Sept. 24, 1939, in Logan.

He was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture, serving in several Iowa communities including Logan, Audubon, Pocahontas and Creston. In 1942 he was appointed as an administrative supervisor for the Department of Agriculture offices in the southern half of Iowa. He resigned in 1943 in order to help his father in the farm equipment business in Webster City. Following the death of his father in 1950, he assumed responsibility for the business, managing it until he sold it in 1957.

On Sept. 1, 1957, he accepted the position of executive director of the Mayflower Community in Grinnell, a position he held until his retirement in 1978.