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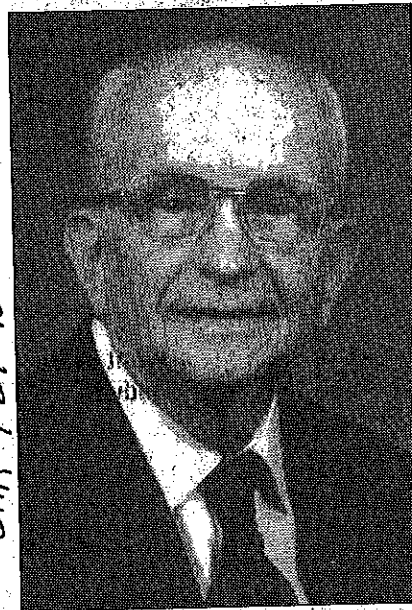
A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Burial with military honors will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may visit Smith Funeral Home from 2 until 8 p.m. on Monday, July 26, with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Parish Foundation.

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The son of Jerome Joseph and Margaret L. McMenomy Goerge, he was born Oct. 10, 1917, in Burlington. He grew up in Cedar Rapids where he attended Coe College, graduating *cum laude* in 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism.

During World War II he served for four years in the United States Air Force. He then served as an administrative officer with the Ninth Air Force Carrier Command in the European Theater of Operations, and later as sports editor of the European edition of "Stars and Stripes," then was discharged with the rank of captain.

Following the war, he served as an editor of newspapers in Eldora, Grinnell and Montezuma. In 1949 he was united in marriage with Isabel Chrystine MacRae of Eldora. In 1956 he began a four-year stint at Grinnell College as staff editor and sports information director, continuing in that capacity until joining the staff of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company as public relations and advertising director. Upon his retirement after 25 years, he continued for another eight years as part-time historian and consultant. He also authored the company's history, "Working Together." During his 60-year career in journalism and advertising, he received numerous state and national awards.

In 1985 he returned to Grinnell College, serving as sports information director and consultant until 1999. In 2007 he was inducted into the Grinnell College Athletic Hall of Fame.

He also had a life-long interest in photography, operating his own photography business, George Photo, for over 30 years, specializing in weddings, class reunions and athletic events.

He is survived by his wife Isabel; his daughters Cheryl Osterhaus, Grundy Center; Anita, Altadena, Calif., and Janet Fitzgibbon, West Burlington; three grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Joseph, Gerald and Kenneth; and an infant daughter, Carolyn.