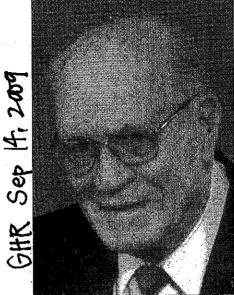
Walter F. Kinne



Walter F. Kinne, 91, of Grinnell, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A memorial service was held at Monday morning Sept. 14, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell with the Rey. David Brandt officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or to the Mayflower Community Human Needs Fund and may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Walter Franz Kinne was born the son of Franz F. Kinne and Mathilda Nahnsen Kinne on February 23, 1918 in Gowrie, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Gowrie and attended rural schools near his home.

He assisted his father on the family farm and began farming on his own by the age of 20. He married Marie Nolte on Aug. 21, 1940, in Melcher, and the couple had two sons, Harold and Darwin. He continued to farm in Webster County until he retired at the age of 59. The couple later lived in Jefferson and Fort Dodge, then moved to the Mayflower Community in Grinnell in 1992.

Walter was a simple, hard-working, family man whose enjoyments included tending to his flower garden, traveling, reading and solving word puzzles.

He is survived by his sons, Harold

Kinne of Unionville, Mo., and Darwin Kinne of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; his brother, Lawrence Kinne of Novi, Mich.; and two sisters, Dorothy Sutherland of Des Moines and Ruby Dencklau of Fort Dodge.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marie Kinne; and his brothers, Verne and Clarence Kinne.

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