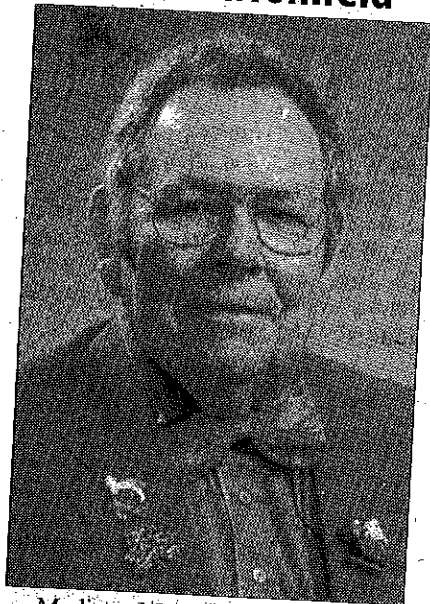


Madison M. Tomfeld



Madison Morrow Tomfeld, 86, of Grinnell died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Kavanagh House in Des Moines.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Grinnell United Methodist Church. Burial will take place at a later date in Hazelwood Cemetery. At his request, contributions may be made to Grinnell United Methodist Church or Hermon Masonic Lodge #273 in Grinnell in lieu of flowers. Memories may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

He was born July 24, 1924, in Iowa City to J. Frederick and Jean Darrow Tomfeld. He was a 1943 graduate of Muscatine High School, then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. A rifleman and corporal, he and his First Marine Division fought in Okinawa and Saipan, then in China after the end of the war. With the help of the GI bill, he attended Muscatine Junior College and Iowa State University in Ames, graduating with the Bachelor of Science degree in farm operations.

He was united in marriage with Mary E. Whitmer in 1951. He was employed as a district manager for Kent Feeds for 27 years, retiring in 1985. He was an avid gardener, trapshooter and musician.

He was a 60-year member and past master of Hermon Masonic Lodge #273 in Grinnell; a member of Newton York Rite Bodies; in 2004 was awarded the T.S. Parvin Award from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, AF and AM; was a member and Past Master Councilor of GA Riemcke DeMolay chapter in Muscatine and honored with the degree of Chevalier from DeMolay International; was a member of Newton chapter #100, Order of the Eastern Star and past patron of Onyx chapter #360 in Gilman; a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), First Marine Association, Amateur Trapshooter Associations of Iowa and America, and Boy Scouts of America. He also was an active member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church for 51 years.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Grinnell; two daughters, Alice Andersen of Des Moines and Deborah Twito of Northfield, Minn.; five grandchildren; one great grandson; his sister Marion Michael and his caregiver, Betty Johnston. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Madison was born July 24, 1924 to J. Frederick and Jean (Darrow) Tomfeld in Iowa City. He graduated from Muscatine High School in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. A rifleman and corporal, he and his First Marine Division fought in Okinawa and Saipan, and then in China after the end of the war. With the help of the GI Bill, he attended Muscatine Junior College and Iowa State, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in farm operations.



Madison married Mary E. Whitmer in 1951. A true Iowan with a deep love and knowledge of agriculture, he worked for Kent Feeds for 27 years as a district manager, retiring in 1985. Madison was also an avid gardener, trapshooter, and musician. He was a two-time Iowa State Fair harmonica champion and placed fourth in a national contest; he was a popular performer at many regional events and care facilities.

He was active in many community and state organizations. He was a 60-year member and Past Master of Hermon Lodge #273 of Grinnell and was a member of the Newton York Rite Bodies; in 2004, he was awarded a high Masonic honor, the T.S. Parvin Award from the Grand Lodge of Iowa AF and AM. He was also a member and Past Master Councilor of G.A. Riemcke DeMolay Chapter of Muscatine and honored with the Degree of Chevalier from DeMolay International. He was a member of the Newton Chapter #100 Order of Eastern Star and Past Patron of Onyx Chapter #360 in Gilman. He also was a member of the American Legion, VFW, First Marine Division Association, Amateur Trapshooter Associations of Iowa and America, and Boy Scouts of America. He was also an active member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church for 51 years.

A man of many talents and interests, Madison was known and loved for his wit, keen intelligence, kindness, and selfless devotion to his family, friends, and ideals. He is survived by his wife, Mary Tomfeld of Grinnell; two daughters, Alice (Steve) Andersen of Des Moines and Deborah (Tim) Twito of Northfield, Minn; five grandchildren, Diane Preston (Doug), Russell Andersen, Christopher and Sarah Graham, Sam, Isaac, and Emma Twito; one great-grandson, Roland Preston; sister, Marion Michael; niece, Kathy (Ken); nephew, Matthew; and great-niece and nephew, Megan and Brandon. He is also survived by his loving friend and caregiver, Betty Johnston; as well as many cherished friends.

Madison was preceded in death by his parents, and brother-in-law, George Michael.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Madison requested that contributions be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or Hermon Lodge #273 in Grinnell. The family asks that memories be shared at www.smithfh.com.

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