

Arthur Dale Osborn



Arthur Dale Osborn, 91, of Grinnell died April 18, 2013, at his home.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Fred Berry, Iowa Hospice Chaplain in Marshalltown, officiating. Pallbearers will be Randy Ahrens, Larry Aldrich, Ted, Tom and Tim Sharer and Scott Tow. Honorary bearers will be Becky Alexander, Kim Adams, Fran Bryant, Lynnette Hansen, Madonna Henkle, Helen Morgan, Carolyn Orndorff, Debbie Price, Judi Roberts, Karla Vanderleest and Mary Whitehead. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 5 to 7 Tuesday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Iowa Hospice in Marshalltown or Poweshiek County Animal Rescue League (PALS) in Grinnell.

Arthur was born Feb. 19, 1922, on the family farm in Jasper County, the son of Willis and Ora Fern Gilfillan Osborn. He was raised in Jasper County and attended country school near his home. Following his education he helped his father on the farm.

On June 29, 1946, he was united in marriage with Evelyn Mae Claybrook, at the Oak Grove Church, south of Grinnell.

The couple farmed in the Rock Creek Lake area for most of their lives. ~~He had a passion for farming~~ and loved raising hogs, sheep and cattle, and when times were lean he worked part-time for Holland Plastics in Gilman, Maytag in Newton and Miracle Recreation in Grinnell. He retired from farming in 1987 and they later moved to Grinnell in 2002. While retired he continued with some farm chores and enjoyed part-time carpentry work.

He was a member of the Hickory Grove Church, Farm Bureau and the Victor Grange near Rock Creek Lake.

Arthur loved music and enjoyed listening to country music and playing the guitar and harmonica. He was a fan of boxing and All Star wrestling. When his farming permitted, he enjoyed traveling throughout the United States.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Evelyn; two children, Leon Lee Osborn of Buffalo, Wyo., and Ranae Sue Hamor of Gilman; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Garland Dale Osborn in 2001; and four sisters, Thelma Sharer, Elsie Plummer, Florence Osborn and one in infancy.