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## Virgil H. Stone

Virgil H. Stone, 89, of Grinnell, died on Monday, September 29, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 2, 2014, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Christine Pauley officiating. Casket Bearers were Dennis Akins, Mark Allen, Boyd Francis, Brian Graham, Steve Jones and Darren Walton. Interment was at the Sheridan Cemetery near Grinnell.

Friends called at the funeral home beginning 12 noon on Wednesday with the family present from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Sheridan Methodist Church.

Virgil was born on June 3, 1925, on the family farm near Malcom to Henry and Mary Rodale Stone. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school before graduating from Grinnell High School. Following his education he worked for Campbell Implement and assisted his family and neighbors with farming.

On May 14, 1948, he was married to Dorothy J. Neitzel at Victor, Iowa. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm in Sheridan Township and he sold Supercrest Hybrid Seed Corn until their retirement in 1996. After retirement they moved to Grinnell to make their home.

He was a member of the Sheridan Methodist Church, a former church trustee, the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau and the Sheridan Township Board of Trustees. He enjoyed fishing in Minnesota, wintering in Texas and camping.

Survivors include his son, Richard (Diane) Stone of Ankeny; one son-in-law, Raymond Graham of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Kym Howe, Brian (Kari) Graham and Stacy (Darren) Walton; and six great grandchildren, Jacob, Jessie and Jenna Howe; Nina and Libby Walton and Alayna Graham.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one daughter, Barbara Graham; one brother, Harold Stone; and one sister, Marie Fogel.

