

Huck Wagaman



Huck Wagaman, 87, of Grinnell and formerly of Lynnville, died Sunday, May 22, at the Mayflower Home in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Mr. Wagaman were held today at 10:30 a.m. at Friends Church in Lynnville with the Rev. Jeff Lee, pastor, and the Rev. Pete Schuler, retired, officiating. Organist was Bernice Smith. Pianist was Kathy O'Conner. Vocalist was Pastor Jeff Lee. Pallbearers were Michael, Steven, and Wendall Brown, and Brad, Greg, and Larry Melsa. Honorary bearer was Zach McGriff. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Lynnville Historical Society. Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell handled arrangements.

The son of John Alfred "Fred" and Ada Allee Wagaman, he was born June 28, 1917, in Lynnville. He was reared in Lynnville and was a 1935 graduate of Lynnville High School and a 1939 graduate of Central College in Pella. He then taught school and coached basketball at Ripley and Mapleton School Districts for several years. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and served in the European Theater. On January 13, 1943, he was married to Mary Frances Ratliff in Lancaster, Mo. Following the war, the couple returned to Lynnville where they owned and operated the Wagaman Mill for many years. He retired to Mesa, Ariz., in 1984 and later moved to the Mayflower in 2002. He was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church, Lynnville Masonic Lodge and Lions Club, and the Grinnell Country Club. He was an avid fisherman and golfer.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Don Davis of Parkland, Fla.; one grandson; one sister, Kathryn Engel of Ames. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary, in 2003; one sister, Minerva Bieber; and five brothers, Willard, Charles, Herbert, Clair, and Robert Wagaman.

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