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OBITUARY**RALPH WILBUR OGAN, JR.**

(Contributed)

Ralph W. Ogan, Jr., age 34, of 605 Center Street, was killed in the line of duty as a Grinnell police officer Wednesday morning, Nov. 13, in downtown Grinnell.

He was the son of Ralph and Alma Eash Ogan, Sr., of Rte. 1, Montezuma, and was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on April 17, 1929. He attended rural elementary schools near Marshalltown and later the family moved to Montezuma where he graduated from Montezuma high school in 1946.

He was united in marriage to Lois Whisenand at the Presbyterian church in Ewart on Dec. 24, 1950. To this union three children were born—twins Robert and Roberta, age 12; and Michael, age 11.

Soon after their marriage, Ralph served in the U. S. Army overseas in the Korean Conflict and was discharged a corporal in June of 1953. He operated the Standard station at Montezuma after his discharge and later moved to Grinnell and was employed at Van's 66 station until joining the Grinnell Police Force in 1959.

He is survived by his parents; his widow Lois, and three children at the family home; a brother and sister: Ronald Lyle Ogan of Osceola, Iowa, and Mrs. Ralph (Shirley Nadine) Lemke of Grinnell; a grandmother on his maternal side, Mrs. Nettie Eash of Marshalltown, and several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Rifleman's Association and the East Central Iowa Police Officers Association.

Funeral services for Ralph W. Ogan, Jr., were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Myron Harris, pastor of the Northside Friends church, officiating. Burial was made in the Pleasant Township Cemetery at Ewart. Those desiring may make contributions to the Ralph W. Ogan Jr. Memorial Fund, Chamber of Commerce Office, Veterans Memorial Center, Grinnell.