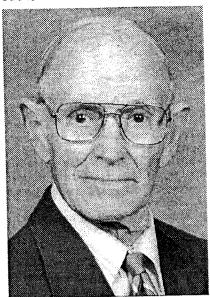
Robert M. Wade



Robert Maxfield Wade, 86, of Grinnell died following a short illness on Monday, April 10, 2006, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service was held Thursday, April 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Tama, with the Rev. Herb Knudten officiating. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, rural Tama. A memorial fund has been established.

He was born Feb. 26, 1920, in Montour, the son of Winfield I and Mabel C. Ebersole Wade. He was taptized in the Highland United Brethren Church in 1920. He attended rural schools at Highland Township No. 5 and Pleasant Run in Toledo Township, Tama County. He attended Toledo High School and graduated from Gilman High School. He entered military service on Aug. 28, 1942, serving during World War II in the 392nd Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Unit of the United States Army until February 1946.

On Jan. 24, 1944, he was united in marriage with Mathilda M Frahm in St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Tama. They farmed in Tama County until 1951 when they moved to a farm in Poweshiek County.

He was active in St. John's Lutheran Church where he served on the church council as secretary, treasurer and chairman of the congregation. He also served many years as Sunday school superintendent. He was a member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau and a director for Sheridan Township; amember of the county esxension council, serving as chairman, and a leader of the Sheridan S.O.S. 4-H Club.

He is survived by two sons, Larry Wade of Grinnell and Norman Wade of Marshalltown; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one sister Grace Holmes.