Cecil Brim



Cecil Brim, 94, of Grinnell died Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at St. Francis Manor. A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the

Rev. Jack Mithelman, chaplain of Grandview College in Des Moines, and the Rev. Kirsten Klepfer, pastor of Grinnell First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen McCune and vocalist will be Rich Thorson. Pallbearers will be Ed Adkins, James and Tom Hotchkin, Bob Hoisington, Ed Ingram, Mike Johnson, Doyle (Mike) Mikles and Sam Osborn. Honorary bearers will be Earl Blair and C.J. (Duke) McCurry. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 12 noon until 8 p.m. at the funeral home with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. Francis Manor.

He was born Oct. 18, 1911, in Nemaha, Kan., the son of Earl and Carol May Saylor Brim. He lived in Sabetha, Kan., for several years, and following the deaths of his father and brother from influenza he moved with his mother and family to Wyoming in 1918. He moved to a farm north of Kellogg in 1925 and attended Jasper County Public Schools. Following his education, he was employed as a farm hand and at Grinnell College. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II. On March 30, 1941, he was united in marriage with Hazel Bryan in Grinnell where the couple made their home. Following the war, he was employed for several years with his brother-in-law LeRoy Mithelman in building houses, and later with Lang's Dairy. In the early 1950s, he purchased the Skelly Service Station on Sixth Avenue in Grinnell which he operated until his retirement in 1975.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife Hazel of Grinnell and one daughter Marilyn Wallis of Sherman, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter Mary Kay Brim in infancy; one sister Marcele Llamas and two brothers Francis and Kenneth Brim.