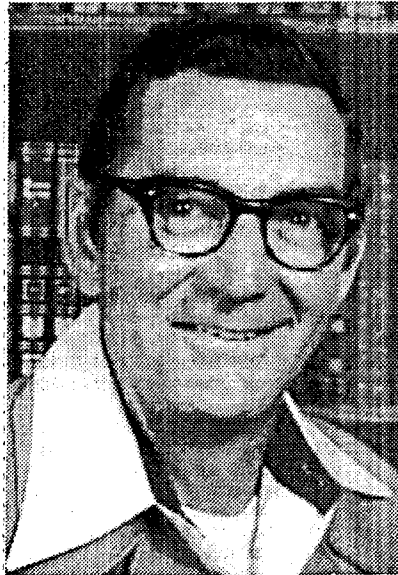


Maurice Keenan



Maurice (Mike) Keenan, 81, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 25, at Smith Funeral Home with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers were Kerry Bryan, Adam Carlson, Terrance Cunningham, Ed Hull, Terry Montgomery and Jeff Sears. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The son of Thomas Patrick and Harriet Mae Watson Keenan, he was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Grinnell where he was raised and received his education. At the age of 15, he began working for the railroad and later was employed for a local camper manufacturer and as a hired hand for a local farmer. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II, serving as a staff sergeant in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge for his actions on Okinawa. Upon his honorable discharge, in 1946, he returned to Grinnell where he was employed at Donaldson's and later as a welder at Miracle Recreation Company. While there, he was promoted to lead man and later in charge of the special projects division. He retired in 1985. He was married on June 18, 1960, in Marshalltown to Colleen O'Hara, and they made their home in Grinnell.

He is survived by four children, David Carlson of Lynnvile; Thomas Crew of Keokuk, Cheryl Harvey of California and Michelle Sears of Grinnell; one stepdaughter, Melody Montgomery of Grinnell; one sister, Lois Olson of Harrison, Mont; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Vincent (Denny) Keenan and Bernard Keenan.

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