

Donald F. Peska



Donald F. Peska, 82, of Grinnell died Saturday, Oct. 14, at Friendship Manor.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Harley Schull, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Casket bearers were Bill Beck, Nathan Beck, Cole Novak, Mark Peska, Mike Peska and Brian Wells. Interment was in Union Cemetery in Hartwick.

He was born Dec. 31, 1922, at the family home near Chelsea to Albert and Alma Martin Peska. Following the death of his mother, he was raised by his grandmother in Hartwick. He attended rural school and the Hartwick public school. He was married on Oct. 31, 1944, to Virginia Fisher in Marengo. They farmed near Hartwick and he worked for many years as a carpenter for Hunzelman Construction Company of Ladora and Bob Goodman Construction Company of Ladora. He later worked at the Donaldson Company in Grinnell and as a custodian for Victor Manufacturing. They had resided in Grinnell for the past five years.

He was a member of the Victor Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, motorcycling, family picnics and playing his accordion and guitar. During his senior years he spent many hours watching a variety of programs on television.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Peska of Grinnell; one daughter, Pam Landuyt of Grinnell; one granddaughter; four great grandchildren and three brothers, Duane Peska of Ladora and Delbert Peska and Dale Peska, both of Marengo. He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson and one brother, David Peska.

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