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Isadore Berman, 97, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Services are pending at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

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A funeral service has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 12, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rabbi Rob Cabelli officiating. Pallbearers are Dan and David Berman, Robbie Howe, Austin Jones, Bill Nagle, Charley Sheets, Dave Smith, and Nick Wallace. Honorary bearers are Jim Pinkerton, Kenneth Goughnour, Robbie Busler, Garlan Ealy, William McGinnis, Tracy Goldsmith, Rick Speck, Jim Riddell, and Jeff Niday. Burial with military hon-

ors will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation was scheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday with the Berman family present from 6:00 to 8:00 Monday evening.

Memorial contributions may be designated to St. Francis Manor or Unity Point Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Isadore was born on February 22, 1924, in Grinnell, the son of Samuel and Rifka Dibner Berman. He grew up in Grinnell during the Depression era and to help supplement income at home he would deliver newspapers with three different newspapers throughout Grinnell, including Marshalltown Times Republican, Cedar Rapids Gazette and Des Moines Register and Tribune, during his childhood. He often delivered these newspapers from a bicycle that his Father purchased for him at The Western Auto Store in Montezuma, Iowa. He was a 1941 graduate of Grinnell High School, a 1949 graduate of Grinnell College, and received his MBA at Columbia University in New York, in 1951.

Isadore was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and served in the European Theatre. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

On June 17, 1956, he was united in marriage to Ida Roseman, in Ottumwa, and the couple made their home in Grinnell, where they raised their two children, Ruth Ellen and Richard.

Isadore worked with his father for many years and then as a partner with his brother, James, until around 1986, continuing to run Sam Berman and Sons, LLC along with his son Richard, into an ever more successful scrap iron and metal business in Grinnell and where he continued to contribute and regularly show up to his business until age 95.

He was a 75+ year member of the Grinnell American Legion and the VFW, Grinnell Masonic Lodge, Grinnell Elks Lodge, and the Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Des Moines.

Isadore was a loving, compassionate family man whom was devoted to his family's well-being. He held strong values and a great work ethic. He was an avid reader, held a keen interest in investing, and enjoyed his occasional gambling trips to some of the local casinos. He enjoyed socializing with family and friends at coffee groups or fine dining at restaurants throughout Iowa. He loved to travel, especially to Florida during the winter months.

Survivors include one daughter, Ruth Ellen Berman of Grinnell; one son, Richard (Melissa) Berman of Grinnell; and three grandchildren, Ayla Magnolia, Stella Rose, and Corrina Iris Berman of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ida in 2014; and three brothers, Milton, Harry, and James Berman.

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