## Robert E. Gauley, 92JAN7, 2009

Robert E, Gauley, 92, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008; at Windsor Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Susan Sanning, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Memorials may be directed to PALS in Grinnell or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Robert was born on Sept. 14, 1916, near Deep River, to James and Harriett Armstrong Gauley. He attended rural school and graduated from Deep River High School in 1936. Following high school, he worked as a farmhand in the Deep River area and later in Illinois. During World War II, he helped construct the Alcan Highway in Alaska and worked at a defense plant in Illinois.

Robert lived in Grinnell and worked as a truck driver for the Cargill Seed Corn Company. He also helped build and deliver the children's trains and carousels for the Miracle Recreation Company in Grinnell. Following his retirement, he was a small engine mechanic and repaired mopeds and golf carts.

Robert was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and he enjoyed collecting and repairing cars and spending time at local casinos.

He is survived by one son, Robert G. Gauley of Bloomington, Ill.; four grand-children; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Melvin Gauley of Grinnell; and four sisters, Clara McMeekin and Mildred King, both of Grinnell, Margaret Reid of Great Barrington, Mass., and Eunice Martin of Indianapolis, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Elmer Gauley.

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