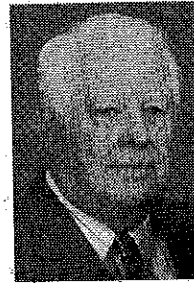


Claire T. Gross ^{GH} 6/30/08

Claire T. Gross, 93, of Grinnell died Thursday, June 26, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.



A funeral service was held Monday, June 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural

Malcom, with the Rev. Herb Knudten, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Susie Edelen. Casket bearers were Chuck and Gary Downing, Kent, Sam and Terry Gross, Mike Loftin, Laurel Ely and Jeff Lender. Interment was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was born June 27, 1914, in Malcom to Harlan and Evelyn Puls Gross. He was reared in Malcom, attending Malcom public schools. On Sept. 14, 1959, he was united in marriage with Hazel Van Cleave in Iowa City. The couple farmed in the Malcom area for over 40 years, and he also worked as a press operator for Miracle Recreation Company in Grinnell, retiring in 1981. The couple moved to Grinnell in 1999.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and sang in its choir. He also was a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood, the Elks Lodge and the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed camping, hunting, and fishing in Minnesota and Canada. He also was an avid Chicago Cubs and Atlanta Braves fan.

He is survived by his daughters and son, Karen Wichman of Fishers, Ind.; Connie Richman of Urbandale; Donna Swarthout of Newton and Phillip Gross of Malcom; eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two sisters, Faye Loftin and Dorothy Downey, both of Grinnell and one brother Willis Gross of Placentia, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one brother Kenneth Gross.