

## Grover J. Loftin, 86

Grover J. Loftin, 86, of Grinnell, died Feb. 16, 2009, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Malcom, with the Rev. Herb Knudsen officiating. Eulogist was Grover Matthew Loftin. Organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer. Pallbearers were Larry Heishman, Phil and Terry Gross, and Duane, Jeremy, and Roger Loftin. Burial was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grover J. Loftin Memorial Fund.

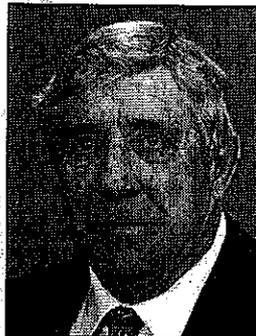
Grover was born Nov. 30, 1922, on the family farm near Malcom, the son of Grover E. and Rosa Snook Loftin. He was raised on the farm and was a 1940 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, having served as a technical sergeant with the 717th Bombardment Squadron, 449th Bombardment Group. For nearly a year, he was a P.O.W. in Europe. After his discharge in October of 1945, he returned to Malcom.

On Feb. 23, 1947, he was united in marriage to Faye Gross, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The family farmed in the Malcom area for many years, and he moved to Grinnell in the mid-1980s. Grover was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where he served on the church council and was past president of the congregation. He was also a member of the Grinnell American Legion, the Eagles Club, and the Elks Lodge, and for several years was a Boy Scout leader.

Grover loved the outdoors, camping, hunting, and fishing. He particularly enjoyed his trips to Leech Lake in Minnesota. He was very active on the farm raising hogs and enjoyed showing them at county and state fairs. He held a love for his family and was a caring and giving person.

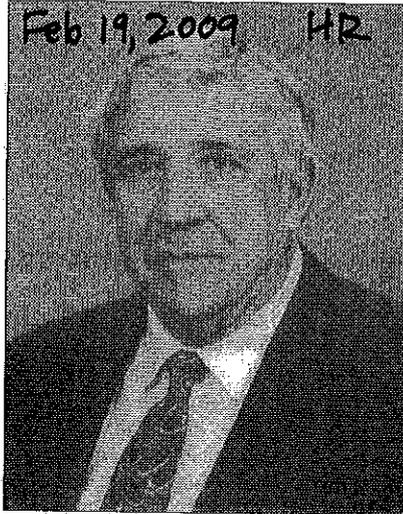
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Visitation will be held Friday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grover J. Loftin Memorial Fund.

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