

Elmer Iver Bonard Arvidson

Elmer Arvidson, 85, of Grinnell died Feb. 9, 2000 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family was Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Watts Funeral Home from 6:30-8 p.m.

His funeral is today, Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home. Officiating is the Rev. Burr Bryant of United Methodist Church of Montezuma.

Casket bearers are Edwin E. Plumlee, Ronald Arvidson and Bob Weisskopf. Honorary casket bearers are Mark E. Shadley and Russel M. Plumlee. He will be buried in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Elmer Iver Bonard Arvidson was born March 16, 1914 to O.A. (Ben) Arvidson and Gertrude M. (Peterson) Arvidson on a farm northeast of Montezuma. He farmed with his parents until his marriage to Patricia L. Harter on Dec. 28, 1938.

In 1940, the couple had a daughter, Joyce Ann. The family farmed in the same area until 1979 when Mr. Arvidson retired and they moved to Southern California. Mrs. Arvidson died May 23, 1983.

Soon after, Mr. Arvidson moved back to Montezuma, where he lived until mov-

ing to Grinnell. In September 1997, he moved to St. Francis Manor.

During Mr. Arvidson's farming years, he was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Grange. He was also an avid bowler with many trophies and championships to his name.

Mr. Arvidson will be remembered as a kind and gentle man who always helped others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one sister, Ruth Ballard and four brothers, Harold, Carl, Donald and Emil Arvidson.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Joyce and her husband, Edwin Plumlee of Burns, Ore.; his grandchildren, Mark Shadley and his wife, Peggy of Oak Hill, Calif.; Julie Ann White of Cincinnati and Susan Leanne Andrews of Sacramento; a step-grandson, Russ Plumlee and his wife, Kathy of Phoenix; great-grandchildren, Leo, Thomas and Hollie Ann White, Jeremy Messner, Jesse Andrews and Kyle and Katie Plumlee; a brother, Melvin Arvidson of South Amana; a sister, Viola McDowell of Pleasantville; many nieces and one nephew.

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They farmed until 1979 when Mr. Arvidson retired, and they then moved to California. Following his wife's death, Mr. Arvidson returned to Montezuma where he lived until moving to Grinnell. He had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since September 1997.

He was a former member of the Farm Bureau and the Grange.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Plumlee of Burns, Ore.; three grandchildren; one step-grandson; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Viola McDowell of Pleasantville.

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