

Lawrence Ballard

Lawrence E. Ballard, 96, of Grinnell died Thursday, Dec. 5, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Organist will be Jolene Jones, and vocalists will be the Rev. Rich and Karolyn Millikan. Pallbearers will be Bryan Ballard, Harry Roberts, Larry Shore, Jack Tuttle, Russell Tuttle Sr. and Russell Tuttle Jr. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of George and Laura Lee Ballard, he was born Jan. 5, 1900, in Cambridge, where he was raised and educated. He moved to Grinnell in 1910 and worked with his father on the railroad. He enlisted in the Iowa National Guard at the age of 16 and served three years with Iowa Cavalry Troop B.

He was married to Laura Belle Carner Dec. 4, 1919, in Grinnell. Mr. Ballard worked as a meatcutter with McNally's, Poweshiek Food Market, Grinnell College and Me Too Market in Iowa City/Coralville before opening Ballard's Meat Market in Grinnell. He retired in 1970 but continued working part time for area grocery stores.

He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church.

Surviving are his children, Jack of Livingstone, Texas, Larry of Houston, Texas, Mary Tuttle of Malcom, Paul of Hiawatha and Ruth Shore of Ackworth; one brother, Lloyd of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Dorothy Garrett, also of Portland; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one son, Robert; one daughter, Josephine "Jo" Roberts; three brothers, Willard, Pete and Emmett; three sisters, Edna Thomas, Edith Tancik and Eva Sodina; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Lawrence E. Ballard Memorial Fund has been established.

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