

Francis Barkley

Francis Barkley, 77, of 1126 Spring St., Grinnell, died Saturday afternoon at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Green Castle, Mo.

Friends may call the funeral home for additional information.

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Francis Barkley, 77, of 1126 Spring St., Grinnell, died Saturday, Dec. 19, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Revs. David R. Green and Sam Reaves officiating. Music was provided by Naomi Reaves and the Rev. David R. and Brenda Green.

Pallbearers were James F., Michael J., Dennis E., Daniel D., Timothy and John Barkley and James Atkins III. Honorary bearers were Ed Brand, Frank Brown, Joe Clark, Gerald Cline, Melvin Gauley, Raymond Innis, Robert King, Lester Osborn, Paul Strovers and Lyle Wiley.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Odd Fellows Lodge. Burial was in Green Castle Cemetery, Green Castle, Mo.

Memorials in Mr. Barkley's name may be made to the Grinnell Assembly of God Church.

The son of Leona Blanche Garrett and James Alexander Barkley, he was born March 4, 1915, in Adair County, Mo. He attended Green Castle High School where he was an all-star forward on the basketball team.

He was married to Violette Wineva Moffitt Aug. 19, 1931, in Green City, Mo. They lived in the Green Castle area until 1934, then moved to the Collins and Maxwell area in Iowa where he worked in agriculture. In 1942 the family moved to Newton where he worked as a machinist at Parsons Manufacturing and Maytag.

They moved to the Grinnell area in 1945 where Mr. Barkley managed the Grinnell Country Club and worked at Vel-Hi Kennels. He briefly returned to Newton as a machinist, then started working in retail milk sales. He worked for Smith Grinnell

Dairy, Winters Dairy, Bordens Dairy, Flynn Dairy and Prairie Farm. He retired as a teamster in 1977 after 26 years.

As a young man he was a member of the Methodist Church and later became a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Grinnell. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Newton and Grinnell. While in Newton he held all the offices and was a noble grand.

Surviving are his wife, Violette; four children, James of Wichita, Kan., Alpha Walker of Monrovia, Calif., Deborah Barkley of Minburn and C.J. Moffitt of Cedar Rapids; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and many foster children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Alice Richardson and Gladys Pherigo; and an infant son, Francis Hugh Barkley.