

Rites set for Mr. Beason

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Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Earnest Beason services held

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Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harry Linnenbrink, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner and vocalists were Ruth Ann Dayton and Wilma Schmitz.

Pallbearers were Dwight George, Owen Hayes, Donald Killion, Don Mahler, Allan Moyer, Francis Smith and Ben Mitchell. Honorary bearers were Francis Barkley, Cecil Brim, Floyd Daley, Virgil Doud, Carl Orr, Tom Stanford and John Winchell.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with graveside rites conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Memorials in Mr. Beason's name may be made to St. Francis Manor.

The son of LeRoy and Margaret Mary Keenan Beason, he was born on April 29, 1914, at Malcom. The family moved to Grinnell, and he attended Grinnell High School.

On Aug. 2, 1940, he was married to Opal Norris at Bethany, Mo., and the couple lived in Grinnell. Mr. Beason worked for the Hatcher Implement Co., the Grinnell Taxi Co., Lang's Dairy and Grinnell College. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army. He was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; one brother, E. Alec Beason of Rolling Hills, Calif.; and two sisters, Iona Darland of Burbank, Calif., and Hazel Mattix of Mitchellville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Edward L. and Lester W.; and two sisters, Beatrice Vulysteke and Florence Gibson.