

## Clarence Bell

Clarence Virgil Bell, 88, of Tipton, formerly of the Grinnell area, died Sunday, March 28, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Sheridan Methodist Church, with the Revs. Melinda Cree and Howard Lord officiating. Organist was Donna Johnson, and pallbearers were Charles Anthony, Raymond Graham, John Green, Robert Heishman, Kenneth Pearce and Bob Weitzell.

Burial was in Sheridan Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Oliver and Lillie Walkup Bell, he was born March 28, 1905, near Gilman. he was raised on the family farm and attended Grinnell High School.

He was married to Helen Mae Pearce Sept. 6, 1926, in Nashua. The couple lived in Brooklyn and later farmed in the Westfield and Ewart areas. They moved to a farm in Sheridan Township northeast of Grinnell in 1944. Mr. Bell had been a resident of Tipton since November 1991.

He was a member of the Sheridan Methodist Church, the Sheridan Grange and the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are four sons, Gerald of Malcom, Donald of Tipton, Loren of Hesperia, Calif., and Larry of Newton; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Minnie Green and Eva Jones, both of Grinnell, and Arlene Rutherford of Newton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one son, Howard; three brothers, Laverne, George and Dale; and four sisters, Addie Pearce, Wilma Garwood, Elva Adams and Evelyn Simpson.

Memorials may be made to the Sheridan Methodist Church.

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