

Theodore J. Bengfort

Theodore James (Ted) Bengfort, 92, died Friday, April 14, 2000, at Mayflower Health Center.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor, officiating. Music will be by Steve McCaslin, organist, and St. Mary's choir directed by Karen Town. Casket bearers will be Jim George, Jim Paisley, Alan Moyer, Art Heimann and Jim White. Honorary bearers will be Bill Bengfort, Hank Higdon, Bill Hansen, Bob Hamilton and Jim Higdon. Interment will be in Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.

He was born March 24, 1908, in Des Moines to Theodore H. and Margaret Devany Bengfort. He was a graduate of East High School. He served in the United States Army Infantry during World War II, earning a Purple Heart. Following his discharge, he worked for 38 years as a mechanic for Standard Oil of Indiana, retiring in 1972.

He was united in marriage with Ella Fortin Feb. 16, 1943, in Des Moines.

They moved to Rock Creek Lake in 1974 after his retirement, and following the death of his wife he moved to Grinnell. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Airport Post #6853, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Des Moines.

He is survived by one daughter Janet Bengfort, Newton; one son William Bengfort, Palm Desert, Calif.; three grandchildren; one great grandchild and a special friend, Nona Paisley of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, an infant daughter and one sister, Mary Siepkter.