

R.J. Bowman services set

R.J. Bowman, 61, of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died of a heart ailment Sunday evening, March 3, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Hinshaw of the Ashton Chapel in Baxter officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Allen Applegate, Bill Applegate, Jim Leer, John Leer, Ronald Leer and David Maxwell.

Graveside rites were conducted by the Deep River American Legion Post, with burial in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

An R.J. Bowman Memorial Fund has been established, and donations may be left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Roy J. and Marie Wyant Bowman, he was born Aug. 2, 1923, in Putnam County, Mo. He attended school in Lemon, Mo. During World War II he served with the U.S. Air Force as a mechanic and crew chief engineer.

On March 7, 1949, he was married to Terry Maxwell at

Fountain, Colo. Following their marriage, they farmed near Newton, then moved to a farm southwest of Grinnell in 1958. Mr. Bowman owned and operated the M&B Construction Co. and for 18 years worked as a pressman for the Vernon Company at Newton.

He was a member of the Bethel Church and was past president of area saddle clubs. He was a member of the Grinnell and Gilman Saddle Clubs, the American and Iowa Quarter Horse Association, the National and Midwest Apaloosa Association, and the Grinnell American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Terry; his daughter, Linda Bell of Des Moines; his foster children, Ronnie Ryan of Colorado, Bonnie Oordt of Blue Earth, Minn., and Bill Cox of Pekin, Ill.; two grandchildren; one sister, Kathleen Jackson of What Cheer; and his stepfather, Raymond Frey of Williford, Ark. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Franklin.