J. Milton Burr

J. Milton Burr, 75, of 602 Fifth Ave., Grinnell, died Thursday, Feb. 3, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Smith, interim pastor of the Northside Evangelical Church of Grinnell, officiating. Music was provided by organist Susie Edelen, vocalists Jodell Burr and Sandy Olsthoorn and guitarists Dennis Elliott and Kevin Brown.

Pallbearers were Larry Brown, Darrell Defrance, Dick Van Draska, Tom Vaughn, Pat Welch and Gary Willett. Honorary bearers were Dennis Bates, Dean Dufoe, Delbert Elliott, Charles Innis, Tilford Innis Jr. and Bill Smith. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established, and contributions may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell.

The son of Walter Harlan and Nellie Blanche Herron Burr, he was born Feb. 20, 1918, in Newton. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural Jasper County schools.

On Jan. 19, 1938, he was married to Ruth Innis in Grinnell. They lived in Grinnell and Mr. Burr worked for various construction companies. For the past 27 years he had worked as a construction superintendent for R.D. Stewart Construction Co. of Marshalltown, retiring in February 1993.

Mr. Burr was a member of the Northside Evangelical Church.

He is survived by his wife; one son, John M. Jr. of Newton; one daughter, Beth Johnston of Grinnell; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

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