
Perry J. Byers

Perry J. Byers, 83, died of emphysema Thursday, June 15, at the manor.

Services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral home, with Clark Watkins of the Mayflower Home officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heifner. Pallbearers were Bob Ashman, David Byers, Mark Byers, Curtis Fopma, Paul Jones and Dennis Strayfeiler.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of John and Ella Harris Byers, he was born June 13, 1906, near Montezuma. He attended rural school.

He was married to Mary Agnes Stanley Dec. 18, 1934, in Montezuma. The couple lived on farms in the Montezuma area, later moving to Montezuma. They came to Grinnell in 1942.

For 15 years, Mr. Byers was a mechanic for the Pulis-Johnson Motor Co. here. He was also associated with the Building and Grounds Department at Grinnell College. He then was employed by the Donaldson Co., retiring in 1971.

Surviving are a son, Jack of Grinnell; a daughter, Kathryn Sage of Grinnell; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Byrdie Hicks of Denver, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his wife; a daughter, Mary Lou Webb; his parents; twin grandchildren; six brothers, Charles, Thomas, Russell, Cecil, Harold and Raymond; and five sisters, Mamie Cole, Nina Goodlow, Anna Pawlek, Mary Messer and Lela Sanders.