

Ervin F. Claus



Ervin F. Claus, 83, of 941 St. Francis Dr., Grinnell, died of lung cancer Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Ken Wallace officiating. Organist will be Alice Renaud.

Casket bearers will be Ben Claus, Greg Claus, Kurt Heinse, Craig Madill, Jim Madill, Dennis Weaver and Todd Weaver. Honorary bearers will be Howard Ackerberg, Emery Kaisand, Donald Humphrey, Jim Lang, Hugh Louden, Glen Strand, Rex Sulsberger and Herbert Wiseman.

Veterans rites will be conducted by members of the Ward-Paul American Legion Post, Gilman, with burial in Prairie View Cemetery there. The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, and the family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday.

He was born Nov. 20, 1916, in Hornick, Iowa, to Ben and Edith Weber Claus. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Holly Springs High School in 1936. Following his education, he moved to California and worked for McDonald-Douglas Aircraft Co. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Europe.

He was married to Ferne Madill Nov. 5, 1948, in Grinnell. They farmed near Newburg until retiring in 1978. The couple spent winters in Mesa, Ariz., for 20 years and moved to Grinnell in 1994.

Mr. Claus was a member of the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ, the Ward-Paul American Legion Post of Gilman and the Gilman Lions Club, of which he was a past president.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Chester of Smithland; and three sisters, Altha Bos of Lawton, Elda Nirenberg of Bend, Ore., and Lucille Heinse of Anthon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

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