

Ralph Coppock

Ralph J. Coppock, 83, of 940 St. Francis Dr., Grinnell, died of pneumonia Monday, May 19, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Stavanger Friends Church near Dunbar, with the Rev. Marc Jackson officiating. Casket bearers were George Howard, Duane Johnson, Opal Mills, Wilbur Osland, Brad Rutherford and Clarence Strangeland. Honorary bearers were Lester Ashing, Harley Everts, Clarence Sears, Raymond Swift and Laverne Wright.

Burial was in Stavanger Friends Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Lewis and Nora Lehman Coppock and was born Dec. 18, 1913, near Gilman. He was raised in Gilman and attended school there.

He was married to Martha Johnson March, 28, 1937, in Marshalltown. The couple lived at Dillon and later moved to Gilman. Mr. Coppock farmed and did custom work in trucking, corn shelling and combining. He retired in 1993 and moved to Grinnell.

He was a member of Stavanger Friends Church and a charter member of the Gilman Lions Club and the Gilman Volunteer Fire Department. He also had served on the Gilman City council and the Gilman Library Board.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Ronald of Crystal Lake, Ill.; one daughter, Ann Buchmeier of Kellogg; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Doris Mailander of State Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Frank; and one sister, Iva Honeycutt.