

H.R. December 25, 1980
Dec. 23

CUNNINGHAM RITES

Donald Cunningham of 909 Eighth Ave., Grinnell, died Tuesday evening at his home of an apparent heart attack. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Scripture Service recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home.

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The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Harry H. Linnenbrink and Tomas Sepic, lector, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and acolytes were Kelly Masker and Jeff Staynor. Pallbearers were David J. Cunningham, Donald R. Cunningham, Don J. Donohoe, Michael J. Hotchkin, Kenneth Isenberg and Chane L. Mairs. The Scripture Service was conducted at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Burial was in the Calvary section of Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of John P. and Alvina Herbst Cunningham, he was born June 19, 1905, at Hardington, Neb. The family moved to Larchwood, where he graduated from St. Mary's High School. He attended Creighton University for a year and transferred to the University of Iowa, graduating second in his class with a B.S. in pharmacy in 1929.

Mr. Cunningham began his career as a pharmacist with the former Talbott Pharmacy

in Grinnell, purchasing the business in 1938. The drug store has been at the same location for the past 42 years, except for a brief period when fire destroyed the building.

He was active in many community affairs and had been recognized by business and professional associates for his leadership in retail pharmacy.

Mr. Cunningham was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He had been a member of Grinnell Elks Lodge No. 1266 and was a past president of the Grinnell Rotary Club. While in college he was a member of Rho Chi, a national pharmaceutical honor society. He was recently recognized as a 50-year member of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association and was a longstanding member of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ann Flanagan, whom he married on Oct. 9, 1934; his son, James Cunningham of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and a brother, Merle J. Cunningham of Sioux Falls, S.D. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.