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William O. Davenport ^{March 15} ¹⁹⁹⁰

William O. Davenport, 70, of 1528 Spencer St., Grinnell, died Saturday, March 10, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stanley Meade, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers were Mike Graff, Harold Rose Jr., Jim Rose, John Rose, Keith Rose and Gary Schoonover. Honorary bearers were Chuck Atkins, Carroll Dean, Keith Garwood, Clarence Innis, Floyd Innis and Marion Onthank.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with military rites conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Memorials in Mr. Davenport's name may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The son of Albert and Hettie Smith Davenport, he was born Sept. 19, 1919, at Altamont, Mo. He moved with his family to Cooper, Ky., where he attended school. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, then moved to Grinnell.

He was married to Arlene Graff Sept. 4, 1946, in Grinnell. Mr. Davenport worked for Grinnell Motors and, for over 30 years, the Onthank Body and Fender Co. He was a member of the American Legion, the Eagles and the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene; one son, Eugene of Wakefield, Mass.; one daughter, Diane Beeler of Grinnell; four grandchildren; two brothers, Carl of Hagerstown, Ind., and Norman of Markleville, Ind.; and six sisters, Lela Campbell and Stella Hurt, both of Monticello, Ky., Juanita Reed of Anderson, Ind., Ida Rose of Grinnell, Dorothy Schoonover of Des Moines, and Viola Gambel of Colorado Springs, Colo. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.