

Donald DeWitt

D. Donald DeWitt, 72, of 1704 Seventh Ave., Grinnell, died of lung cancer Monday, June 3, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Mando Oliver, minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers were Leland Anderson, Sam Brown, Steve DeWitt, Dan Fryer, Edward Morris, Sam Morris, Michael Oliver and Robert Oliver. Honorary bearers were Dale Adkins, Walter "Jake" Barnes, Wilson Beaty, Vaughn Hopwood, LeRoy Locker, Lavern Olson, Lester Thompson, Fay Wasson, Dean Whitten, Everett Whitten, Jack Whitten and Robert Whitten.

Burial was in Bellfountain Cemetery near Tracy. A Masonic service was conducted Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hospice Grinnell.

Mr. DeWitt was born May 21, 1919, at Derby. His mother died when he was one week old, and he lived with his uncle, William Whitten. He received his education at Bussey and Tracy. During World War II he served with the U.S. Navy Seabees.

He was married to Donna M. Harry Aug. 2, 1938, in Spickard, Mo. The couple lived in Tracy where he operated a drag line for various construction companies. He moved to Grinnell in 1960 and worked for Malcom Stone Co., Grinnell Motor Co. and the Mooreman Feed Co. as a sales representative.

Mr. DeWitt was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Grinnell and the White Shrine of Newton. He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge here.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; one brother, Percy of Evansdale; and three sisters, Thelma Morris of Chariton, Nina McFall of Grinnell and Margaret Pierce of Renton, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Guy and Dan; and two sisters, Lilly Dax and Chrystal Chord.

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