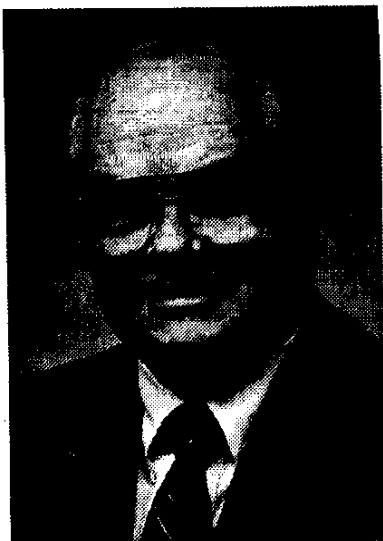


## Paul S. Decatur



Paul S. Decatur, 76, of Grinnell died Friday, Aug. 10, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dan Ogata officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and members of the Grinnell American Legion conducted military rites. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Herbert and Mildred Small Decatur, he was born March 17, 1925, on the family farm in Jasper County. He was a graduate of Grinnell High School and Grinnell College. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was married to Betty Ritter June 8, 1948, in Grinnell. Mr. Decatur was a project engineer for research and development at Maytag. He retired in 1989. He was treasurer of Friends of Stewart Library and was a former member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Decatur volunteered his time to read to children at Bailey Park School and was a group leader for Odyssey of the Mind competition.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Steve of Minneapolis, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Fay Mardell Decatur, who died in infancy.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell College, Grinnell Regional Medical Center or Friends of Stewart Library.

## Paul S. Decatur

Memorial services for Paul S. Decatur 76, were held Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell with Rev. Dan Ogata officiating. Music was provided by organist Alice Renaud with the following selections: "Wind Beneath My Wings", "Just Because" and "Ave Maria". Military Rites were performed by members of the Grinnell American Legion and interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

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The son of Herbert and Mildred (Small) Decatur, Paul was born March 17, 1925 on the family farm in Jasper County. He was a graduate of Grinnell High School and Grinnell College. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was married to Betty Ritter June 8, 1948 in Grinnell and the couple made

their home in Grinnell. Paul was a project engineer for research and development for Maytag. He retired in 1989. He was treasurer of Friends of Stewart Library and a former member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and Kiwanis Club.

Paul was a firm believer in the value of a quality education. He volunteered his time reading to children at Bailey Park School and as a group leader for Odyssey of the Mind competition. He was an avid reader and enjoyed computers. He also enjoyed sports and fishing with his family in Minnesota and Canada.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Grinnell; one son, Steve of Minneapolis, Minn.; and three grandchildren, Krista, Anna and Jacob, all of Minneapolis.

Paul died Aug. 10, 2001 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Fay Mardell Decatur, who died in infancy.

MR August 22, 2001

H-R August 16, 2001