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Keith Downey rites Friday

Keith L. Downey, 64, 1114 Reed St., died Tuesday afternoon at Grinnell General Hospital of lung cancer.

Funeral services will be held Friday at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Ogata of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Samuel L. and Alta Cleo Stanley Downey, he was born near Grinnell May 31, 1919. He attended rural schools and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1937. He began a farming career at that time at the family farm east of Grinnell.

He was married June 12, 1940, to Dorothy J. Gross at Trinity Lutheran Church. They continued farming until they retired in 1981. For the past 10

years they spent their summers in Walker, Minn., and their winters in Brownsville, Texas.

He was a past exalted ruler of the BPO Elks Lodge No. 1266, Grinnell; member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau and the Malcom Co-op Elevator and a director of the Malcom No. 3 school district. He was a baptized member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two sons, Charles Downey, Moline, Ill., and Gary Downey, Grinnell; four daughters, Vicki Jack, Montezuma, Becky Wilson, Rock Creek Lake, Mary Wells, Grinnell, and Patsy Ederer, Spring Green, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; and a sister Mildred I. Downey, Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marveen, who died as a child.

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Keith Downey services held

Funeral services for Keith Downey, 64, of 1114 Reed St., who died Tuesday, March 20 at Grinnell General Hospital, were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home.

The Rev. Daniel Ogata, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Edward A. Phillips.

Pallbearers were Dean Downey, Kevin J. Griffin, Clare Gross, John Higdon, John Puls and Bob Rutherford. Honorary bearers were Leo Ahrens, Wilbur Allen, Harry Bitcon, John Hotchkin, Wilbur Jack and Harold Schultz.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1266 of Grinnell. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

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