

Monday, March 30, 1964

## "Tony" Dunton Dies Suddenly Friday Morning

Wayne "Tony" Dunton, age 47, of Grinnell, died suddenly early Friday morning at his home in Grinnell.

The son of Raymond Earl and Ethel Walford Dunton, he was born December 4, 1916, at Brooklyn, where he graduated from Brooklyn high school. On Oct. 23, 1941, he entered the service of the U. S. Army where he served in the South Pacific for 3½ years. He received the Bronze Star for valor at Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and the Purple Heart at the Island of Saipan, where he was injured while serving with a Medical Detachment of the 198th Infantry. He was honorably discharged on May 14, 1945.

He was a member of the American Legion and was employed as a painter in Grinnell when his health permitted.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Ethel Walford Dunton of Grinnell and two sisters, Mrs. Clifford (Elta) Thorp of Grinnell; and Mrs. Lyle (Arlene) Goodwin of Malcom, and several neices and nephews.

Funeral services were held his afternoon (Monday) at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner and casket bearers were Richard VanDraska, Alva Vincent, Floyd Sharp, Clarence Innis, Joseph W.

Ryan, and LaVerne Olson. Honorary bearers were Gail Young, and George Mowitt. Flower bearers were Louise Armstrong and Anne Hoyer.

Burial was in the Soldier section of Hazelwood cemetery with American Legion Graveside Rites conducted by W. K. Richardson and members of Focht-Pennant Post No. 53, Grinnell American Legion.