

Clarence Earnhart *H-R.*
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Clarence Earnhart, 76, of Grinnell died Sunday, Feb. 5, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond C. Lott of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Bill Burk, Max Higgason, Larry Hines, Hollis Hoffmann, Randy Johnston and Dave Redfield. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of William Silas and Nellie Murray Earnhart, he was born March 7, 1912, at Grand Tower, Ill. He received his education in the Anna-Jonesboro school district in Illinois.

He was employed as a machinist with Molten Bartley Shoe Co. of Highland, Ill., and in 1941 began working with the Brown Shoe Co. at Union, Mo.

He was married to Leona Mayer Dec. 23, 1944, at

Union. The family moved to Grinnell in 1962. He was employed by DeLong Sportswear until his retirement in 1972, after which he operated a sewing machine repair service at his home.

Mr. Earnhart was past master of Union Masonic Lodge No. 593 and past patron of Naomi Chapter No. 2963 of the Order of Eastern Star, both in Union. While in Grinnell he was a member of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273 and Beulah Chapter No. 47 of the Order of Eastern Star. He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Leona; one daughter, Donna Ridgeway of Scotts Valley, Calif.; two sons, Dale of Searsboro and Dean of Grinnell; a sister, Wilma Siegrist of Edwardsville, Ill.; a brother, Paul of Highland, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Viola Anderson and Geneva Isert; and a brother, Ralph.

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