

George Henry "Hank" Fortner

George Henry "Hank" Fortner, 71, of Grinnell and formerly of Newton died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of cardiac and pulmonary arrest.

Funeral services for Mr. Fortner were held 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Dwight and Lonnie Asberry, Dave Coffey, Ken Hiner, Paul Jurgensen and Larry Latham. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Jasper and Ella Mae Allison Fortner, he was born Feb. 4, 1930, in Newton. He grew up in Newton and received his education in the Newton School District. He was married to Eva Asberry Aug. 5, 1950, in Newton. The couple lived briefly in Portland, Ore. prior to moving to Grinnell in 1951. He was employed with Miracle Recreation and retired in 1990. He was a former member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Eva of Grinnell; three sons, Danny and Harold both of Grinnell and Billy of Brooklyn; three sisters, Viola Knapp of Newton, Margie Madison of Marseilles, Ill. and Betty Sandstrom of Portland, Ore.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His parents; one son, Scott and two brothers, Sherman and Edward, preceded him in death.

A memorial fund has been established.

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