

Clifford Gerard

The Rev. Clifford P. Gerard, 83, of rural Gilman died Tuesday, Oct. 20, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Norman Tosten, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Des Moines, and the Rev. Dewey Grimes, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Tama, officiating. Organist was David Gerard, and vocalists were Frank and Patsy Seymour.

Pallbearers were William Belcher; Ivan, Philip, Paul, Emil and Eldon Gerard; Jerry Minner; Ron Nearmyer; Gordon Roorda; Louis Smith and Robert Teed. Honorary bearers were Don Cooper and Jack Smith.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

The son of Charles and Ivy McMains Gerard, he was born April 12, 1909, near Barnes City. He attended rural schools in Mahaska and Poweshiek counties. He graduated from North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1948. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II.

He was married to Wanda Belville July 23, 1945, in Grinnell. Mr. Gerard served as an Assembly of God minister in Mt. Ayr and Renault, Ill., retiring in 1977 and moving to Grinnell in 1979.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Illinois District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda of rural Gilman; two sons, Philip of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ivan of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Sharon of St. Louis, Mo.; four grandchildren; and four brothers, Homer of Montezuma, Paul of Brooklyn, Emil of Newton and Eldon of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by

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