

Harold Gerard rites Saturday

H-R February 7, 1983

Harold C. Gerard, 79, of 1625 Third Ave., Grinnell, died Thursday, Feb. 3, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was James Severe, and vocalists were Patty Evans and Eloise Raffety.

Pallbearers were Vern Brooke, Harold Brown, Donovan Evans, Leo Schmitz, Don Souter and Merle Lamb. Flower bearers were Willard and Ruth Wells. Burial was at the Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart.

Memorials in Mr. Gerard's name may be made to the Grinnell First Baptist Church.

The son of Charlie and Ivy McMains Gerard, he was born on Dec. 30, 1903, in Mahaska

County. He was married to Jessie Margaret Jacob in Grinnell on Feb. 12, 1924. The couple farmed near Montezuma and Barnes City before moving to Grinnell in the early 1940s. Mr. Gerard worked for the Cargill Seed Co. and was a self-employed truck driver. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Robert Gerard of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Barbara Mallory of Peoria, Ill.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Vergie Peters of Oskaloosa; and five brothers, Homer Gerard of Montezuma, Clifford Gerard of Gilman, Paul Gerard and Eldon Gerard, both of Brooklyn, and Emil Gerard of Newton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Norma Parker.