

George Gipson

George R. Gipson, 68, of Grinnell died of a stroke Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Casket bearers were Larry Bryan, Hugh German, Kevin Gipson, Greg Lauritzen, Russ Sadler and Kip Van Auken. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 3, 1931, in Crane, Mo. He was raised in Crane and graduated from high school there. During the Korean Conflict, he served with the U.S. Army.

He was married to Norma Jean Witte Aug. 31, 1957, in Nevada, Mo. They lived in Columbia, Mo., and moved to Grinnell in 1967.

Mr. Gipson worked in various departments of GTE, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Elks Lodge of Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Patrick E. of Portland, Ore.; three daughters, Cindy Gipson of Iowa City, Sara L. Gipson of Fulton, Mo., and Julie A. Jones of Grinnell; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Jack of Crane, Mo., and Jerry of Republic, Mo.

His parents preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hazelwood Cemetery Landscaping Fund.

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