

## Robert R. Gray

Robert R. Gray, 90, of 4210 N.E. 38th St., Des Moines, formerly of Grinnell, died of Alzheimer's disease Sunday, Oct. 13, at Friendship Manor.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at the Lower Blue Point Cemetery south of Grinnell, with the Rev. Bruce Wittern, pastor of the Easton Place United Methodist Church in Des Moines, officiating.

He was the son of Silas and Clara Spillman Gray and was born Dec. 18, 1905, in Grinnell. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school and Grinnell High School.

He was married to Rose L. Stahl in 1926, and they lived in Grinnell where he worked for the Colonial Theater. In 1936, he began a long career as a manager for the Peck Motion Picture Circuit in central and eastern Iowa. He also lived in Marshalltown and worked for the Fisher Company.

He was married to Bessie Parkhurst in 1945 at Wichita, Kan. They lived in Des Moines where he was business manager and trustee for the International Moving Picture Operators Union.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Jr. of Marshalltown and Gary of Des Moines; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Farrell; and two sisters, Grace and Addie Gray.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Blue Point Church at Heritage Park, Grinnell.

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