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Ralph Hamman services today

Ralph Hamman, 72, of 531 Tenth Ave., Grinnell, died Friday morning, June 1, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Marcus Reitz officiating. Music will be provided by Margaret Amo, organist, and Wilma Schmitz, vocalist. Pallbearers will be Robert E. Anderson, Leon Mahlstedt, Claire Mithelman, Arnold J. Schulte, Ross E. Strickler and Kent Wise. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Hamman's name may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church's memorial fund and left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Frank and Augusta Johnson Hamman, he was born Aug. 30, 1911, in Nodaway. He was a graduate of Red Oak High School and attended the Dewey Hoadley School of Business in Omaha, Neb.

On July 24, 1935, he was married to Elaine Wallin. Mr. Hamman was associated with Spurgeon's Mercantile Stores since 1944 and came to Grinnell in 1947 to manage the Spurgeon's Store here for 18 years. In April 1965, he opened Hamman's Apparel and continued to be active in the business until his health began to fail in 1980.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Brotherhood and the

Church Council, and he was involved in building activities at the church. He was also a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge, the Kiwanis Club and the retail committee of the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine; two daughters, Lois Hieber of Solon and Phyllis McDaniel of Cherry Hill, N.J.; four grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Olson and Gladys Gates, both of Red Oak; and one brother, Earny Hamman of Nodaway.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, George; and two sisters, Grace Danielson and Florence Carlson.