Rites held for George Hansen

George C. Hansen, 79, of the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home in Perry, formerly of Grinnell, died Friday, May 22, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home. with the Rev. Raymond C. Lott. pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Katheleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Kent Hansen. Ted Swensen, Merle Reams. Weldon Thalacker, Warren Broders and James Higdon. Burial was in the Sheridan Cemetery, with Masonic fraternal rites conducted by members of Hermon Masonic Lodge of Grinnell.

He was the son of Rasmus and Nellie Rasmussen Hansen and was born on Jan. 22, 1908, at Rutland. He moved with his family to Humboldt and attended school in that community. He later attended a linotype school.

On March 9, 1935, he was married to Eva Frances Broders, Mr. Hansen published the Belmond Independent from 1937 to 1958. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In 1958, the couple moved to Decorah where Mr. Hansen owned the Cliff House Restaurant and Deluxe Motel. They moved to Cresco in 1966 to operate a motel, coming to Grinnell in 1976.

Following his wife's death. Mr. Hansen lived in Brooklyn and Cedar Rapids before moving to the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home. He was a member of King Solomon

Lodge No. 210. A.F. and A.M.. of Belmond; the El Kahir Shrine; and other Masonic bodies. He was also a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

He is survived by a sister. Gladys Murrow of Mitchellville, and one grand-daughter. He was preceded in death by his wife; one son. G. Geoffrey Hansen, three brothers, Ray, Nels and Virgil; and one sister, Hannah Christiansen.