

Herman L. Harbison

Herman L. Harbison, 79, of 630 Park St., Grinnell, died Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Mayflower Home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the George L. Gay Funeral Home in Iowa City, with the Rev. Merle Melton officiating. Burial was in Arni Memorial Cemetery, Lancaster, Mo. Memorials may be made to the Herman and Lillian Harbison Scholarship Fund at Hannibal-LaGrange College or to the Lone Tree Masonic Lodge.

The son of James and Calla McCloskey Harbison, he was born March 27, 1912, in Schulyer County, Mo. He graduated from Downing High School in Downing, Mo.

Mr. Harbison worked in Illinois until serving during World War II. Under the G.I. Bill, he trained in the garage and implement business. He and his brother-in-law co-owned and operated Harbison-Gray Garage & Implement. He sold his share of the business in 1964 and later worked as parts counterman at Sig-Breese Auto Parts.

He was married to Lillian V. Gray Aug. 18, 1946, in Lancaster, Mo. The couple lived in Iowa City for 30 years and moved to Grinnell five years ago.

Mr. Harbison was a member of the Lone Tree American Legion, past worshipful master of the Lone Tree Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Lone Tree Lions Club. He was also a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club, the Mayflower Men's Club and the Iowa City Jessamine Chapter of Eastern Star. He was the first president of the Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the National Bit, Spur and Saddle Club in Loveland, Colo.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian, and three brothers, Jesse of Richland, Eugene of Lacon, Ill., and Carl of Brighton. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Chester and Mancel.