

## Melvin Hartgers

Melvin T. Hartgers, 57, of Grinnell died of an apparent heart attack Friday, Oct. 27, southwest of Searsboro.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Organist was Jolene Jones, and vocalist was Barbara Chitwood. Pallbearers were Bruce, Craig, Danny, Randy and Tim Hartgers, Ken VandeVoort and Steve VanWyk.

Burial was in Sully Cemetery, with graveside rites conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

The son of Tunis and Cora Olsthoorn Hartgers, he was born Feb. 22, 1932, near Reasnor. He attended rural school and graduated from Pella High School in 1950. Mr. Hartgers served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He had worked as a farmer and trucker in the Reasnor, Sully and Lynnville communities. He also was a salesman for Kent Feeds. He had been a Grinnell resident for the past five years and was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion.

Surviving are four sons, Kenneth of Sully, Michael of Des Moines, Brian of Colfax and Kevin of New Sharon; five grandchildren; his parents; three brothers, Lewis of Newton, Harry of Pella and Vernon of Sully; and one sister, Anna Mae VanWyk of Pella.