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Russell Heston services held



Russell E. Heston

Russell Eugene Heston, 59, of 1023 East St., Grinnell, died of cancer Friday afternoon at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Heston were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James P. Russell officiating. Music was provided by Darwin VanWyk, organist, and Sherry Bauer, vocalist.

Pallbearers were Gary Downey, John Garner, Ken Kempenaar, Bob Puckett, Brad Sayre and Glenn St. Mary. Honorary bearers were Rich Ballard, Irving Field, Frank Fisher and Bill Klemesrud.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with military honors conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. F.W. Tomasek and members of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273 conducted Masonic rites at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Heston's name may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church and left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Sylmon E. and Cora Eck Heston, he was born Feb. 11, 1919, near Pleasant Plain in Jefferson County. He was graduated from Richland High School in 1935, receiving his B.S. degree in 1939 and his M.S. degree in 1947 from Iowa State University.

He served as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force in North Africa.

On Oct. 31, 1942, he was married to Madeline Manders in Meridian, Miss. The couple had four children. Following Mr. Heston's discharge from the service, the couple lived in Urbana, Ill., and Indianapolis, Ind., before coming to Grinnell in 1958.

Mr. Heston was director of engineering at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co. for 20 years. He began his career with the Rural Electrification Administration in the Dakotas and Washington, D.C. From 1947 to 1957 he was assistant executive secretary of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies in Indianapolis. He taught agricultural engineering at the University of Illinois for one year before coming to Grinnell.

Mr. Heston was a nationally recognized leader in the field of farm safety. A former member of the board of directors of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, he was named a fellow, the highest honor accorded by that organization. He also was a past chairman of the farm conference of the National Safety Council, as well as the Iowa Farm Safety Council. He also served as chairman of committees for the National LP Gas Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the National and Iowa Associations of Mutual Insurance Companies. He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273, A.F. and A.M.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline, his children, Mrs. K.M. (Carole) Weidaw of Grand Rapids, Mich., Russell E. Heston Jr. of Des Moines, Mrs. Thomas (Margot) Mickel of Charles City, and Marlene Howell of Grinnell; three grandchildren; his father, Sylmon E. Heston of Fairfield, and a step-brother, the Rev. Stanley Williams of Columbia, Mo. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cora, in 1948.

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