

## Hiser, 92, dies here

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George H. Hiser, 92, of rural Grinnell, died Thursday evening, April 27, at Grinnell General Hospital. He had been in failing health the past few weeks.

George Hiser elected to give his body for use at the Department of Anatomy at the University of Iowa. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to St. Francis Manor or Grinnell General Hospital.

Born in Spencer on June 9, 1885, he was the son of Frank and Calista Calkins Hiser. He attended Spencer schools and Spencer Business College. After his education he lived in Marshalltown, Grinnell, and Cedar Rapids.

He later owned a shoe store in Chicago, and was involved in real estate when he moved back to Grinnell in 1932 to manage the Monroe Hotel.

He bought the hotel in 1940 and continued to run the restaurant and bus depot until 1959, when he retired to the Vel-Hi farm near Grinnell. While at Vel-Hi, he was active in horse

and dog shows, and was internationally known in breeding Boxer dogs.

He was active in community work, a charter member of the Grinnell Rotary club, president of the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce, and county chairman for the Red Cross during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Berneice Estelle Gifford; two brothers; and one sister. Surviving him are his wife, Velma Bissell Hiser; a son, Gifford Hiser of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Smiley of Little Rock, Ark.; and three grandchildren.