

He was the son of Walter and Ella Mae Sanders Hopkins and was born Feb. 27, 1920, in Syracuse, Mo. He was raised in Sedalia, Mo., and was a graduate of Sedalia High School. Following his education, he began his career with the JCPenney Co. in Sedalia and Poplar Bluff, Mo. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Europe and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was married to Eileen Swisher June 21, 1940, in Sedalia. They lived in Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska before moving to Grinnell in 1960.

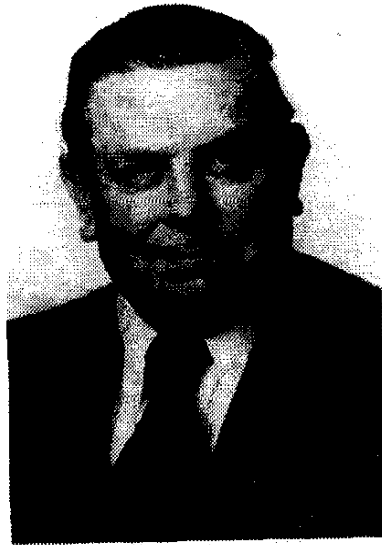
Mr. Hopkins managed the JCPenney Store in Grinnell and owned and operated Poynter's Fashions from 1969 to 1982. He was assistant superintendent of grounds at the Grinnell Country Club for many years.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the American Legion and the Elks Lodge. He was also past president of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and served on the board of directors of the Grinnell Country Club.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Judy Johnson of Russellville, Ark., Nancy Beck of Grinnell, Mary Andrews of Cedar Rapids and Lori Rochford of Central City; three sons, Jerry of Marshalltown, Jim of Atkins and Mike of Durham, N.H.; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Irene Kelley of Irving, Texas.

His parents, two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Wilson Hopkins



Wilson W. Hopkins, 81, of Grinnell died of a stroke Monday, June 25, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Casket bearers were Clarke and Carl Johnson, Gregg and Brad Hopkins, Trent Andrews and David Beck. Honorary bearers were Chris Granger; Kathy Alexander; Gretchen Jaco; Heidi, Casey and Sara Hopkins; Teresa Paul; Gail and Karen Beck; Jody Andrews; and John and Joey Rochford.

The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit conducted military rites. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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