

## Clifford Johnson

Clifford Johnson, 76, of 1025 Chatterton St., Grinnell, died Sunday, Nov. 22, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

A native of Grinnell, Mr. Johnson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Minerva; one daughter, Carol Johnson of Kingwood, Texas; one son, Gerald of Roanoke, Texas; two grandchildren; and six sisters, Irma Laymiller of Grinnell, Thelma Hadley of New Providence, Naomi Schafer of Grinnell, Bernice Milburn of Grinnell, Betty Strawser of Nevada and Maxine Strawser of Anoka, Minn.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Funeral services for Clifford R. Johnson, 76, who died Sunday, Nov. 22, at Grinnell General Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home.

The Rev. Lon Lewis, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Hecfner. Pallbearers were Jon Allen, Steven Audas, Mike Green, Rich Humphrey, Gary Milburn, Larry Milburn and Roger Thompson.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of William and Gracie Davis Johnson, he was born Oct. 6, 1916, in Grinnell. He was raised in the Malcom and Grinnell areas and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1935. During his senior year of high school, he played on the school basketball team that finished second at the state tournament.

He served with the U.S. Army in Europe and North Africa during World War II.

On April 30, 1941, he was married to Minerva Stimson in Lancaster, Mo. The couple lived in Grinnell where he owned and operated Johnson's Conoco Service Station from 1947 to 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Minerva; his daughter, Carole Johnson of Kingwood, Texas; one son, Gerald of Roanoke, Texas; two grandchildren; and six sisters, Irma Laymiller, Naomia Schafer and Bernice Milburn, all of Grinnell; Thelma Hadley of New Providence; Betty Strawser of Nevada and Maxine Strawser of Anoka, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Virgil.