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Waldo Johnson,
 former chief,
 1983
 services held



Waldo A. Johnson, 72, a former chief of police for the city of Grinnell, died Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Marcus Reitz officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo, and pallbearers were Clyde Austin, Bob Breiting, Norman Erickson, Duane McClun, Howard McDonough, Ron Mathews, Frosty Mitchell and Ross Strickler.

Honorary bearers were Robert Hunt, Donald Hanson, Paul Johnson, Donald Lambie, Ferdinand Larson, Marvin Nothnagel, Gerald Phipps, Fred Rolfe, Leon Mahstedt and Paul Muller.

Graveside rites were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lutheran Cemetery in Swedesburg, with the Rev. Donald Loots of the Zion Lutheran Church of Muscatine officiating. The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell was in charge of arrangements.

The son of Elmer Edwin and Emma Anderson Johnson, he was born Feb. 25, 1910, near Swedesburg. He graduated from Olds High School in 1928 and from Augustana College in 1933.

For 11 years, Mr. Johnson was stationed here with the Iowa Conservation Commission as a game warden. He served with the Military Police in the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Dec. 23, 1941, he was married to Nettie Hunt in Swedesburg. The couple lived in Grinnell and Mr. Johnson worked for Crow's Hybrid Seed Corn Co.

He served as police chief here for six years. He later worked at Grinnell College and, beginning in 1965, he served as a state parole officer for 10 years.

Mr. Johnson was a member

of St. John's Lutheran Church. He served as assistant scoutmaster for the a local Boy Scout troop for a number of years. He was a member of the American Legion, the Grinnell Stamp Club, the Isaac Walton League, the East Central Iowa Peace Officers Association, and the Iowa State Employees Association.

Survivors include his wife, Netty; a son, James A. Johnson of Rhinelander, Wis.; two grandchildren; and a sister, Helena Madill of Newburg.

He was preceded in death by five sons in infancy, Paul Robert, Edwin Hunt, Thoma Edward, Richard William, and John Andrew Johnson.