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Rites held for Mr. Johnson

William Theodore Johnson, 58, of 423 East St., Grinnell, died Thursday, March 13, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Johnson were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John W. McCallum, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was John W. Penne, and pallbearers were George Bennett, Frank Brown, Mark Duncan, Merton Johnson, Willie Laymiller and Donlad Souter.

Graveside rites were conducted by Bill Davenport, commander. Edwin M. Richardson, chaplain, and members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Bert and Ida L. Mitcheltree Johnson, he was born April 15, 1916 near Montezuma. He attended rural school near Searsboro and was graduated from Montezuma. He attended rural school near Searsboro and was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1935. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and received four bronze stars for battles in Northern France, the Ardennes, and the Rhineland.

On Dec. 24, 1943, he was

married to Eleanor Jean McCaw at Hopkinsville, Ky. The couple had four children. In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson moved to Grinnell to make their home. Mr. Johnson was associated with the Cargill Seed Corn Company. He was active in the Summer Baseball Association and had coached in the Babe Ruth and Major League baseball programs locally.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Grinnell Booster Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; his four children, Theolyn Johnson of Denver, Color., Gregory Johnson of Grinnell, Sheily Johnson, a student at the University of Northern Iowa, and Michael Johnson of Grinnell; and five brothers and sisters, Alvin L. Johnson of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Waunite Millslagle of Grinnell, Mrs. Earl (Pauline) Mitchell of Grinnell, Mrs. Ruby Halblom of Newton, and Bert Johnson of Searsboro. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers and sisters.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Johnson's name may be made to Grinnell General Hospital.