

LaVerne C. Kelm

LaVerne C. Kelm, 76, of rural Grinnell died of a stroke Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Stephen Jasch officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo, and casket bearers were Steve Baustian, Clarence Cogley, Keith Cogley, James Copeland, Kent Rassmussen and Kraig Schilder.

Military rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Malcom. The Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Sept. 2, 1921, near Malcom to Gustav and Anna Freese Kelm. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1938. He served with the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II.

He was married to Avis Cogley Aug. 4, 1946. The couple farmed east of Grinnell, and he owned and operated L.C. Kelm Pump Sales and Service.

Mr. Kelm was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the American Legion. He was a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Lynn Cline of Grinnell, Paula Devereux of San Diego, Calif., Sally Kelm of Tama and June Waage of San Diego; one sister, Marie Pearson of Magalia, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Everette; and one granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church elevator fund.



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