

## Samuel Kizer



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Samuel P. Kizer, 75, of 1808 Third Ave., Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, March 29, at his home.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Casket bearers were Mr. Kizer's grandchildren, Daniel, Darren and David Galbraith; Mark and Matthew Kizer; Maggie Phipps; and Lonnie Stewart.

The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit conducted graveside rites at Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born July 31, 1925, in Jonesboro, Ark., to Arthur and Mary Johnson Kizer. He attended rural school in Arkansas and moved to California where he completed his education.

He assisted his father on a cotton farm near Redondo Beach, Calif. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in France and Germany, earning a Bronze Star. Following the war, he returned to California and worked for Consolidated Missile Co. and Parker Tree Co.

He was married to Barbara J. Elliott Oct. 12, 1958, in Torrance, Calif. They lived in California until 1978, then moved to Grinnell. Mr. Kizer worked for Gethmann Construction Co. until his retirement in 1987.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Debra Icenbice of Grinnell; four sons, Robert of Munich, Germany, Samuel of Grinnell, James of Des Moines and Richard of Dubuque; four sisters, Willie Alford of Yerrington, Nev., Ruby Smith and Betty Munson, both of Hawthorne, Nev., and Noretta Maulson of Lake Isabella, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, four sisters and four brothers.