

Donald E. Larsen

Donald E. Larsen, 68, of Grinnell died Saturday, Dec. 25, at Veterans Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the First Friends Church, with the Rev. Keith Briggs officiating. Organist was Kathy Renard, and Keith Briggs was vocalist. Pallbearers were Dale Bigbee, Robert Burnham, Del Coppinger, Gene Meredith, Jerry Sarver, Randy Sarver and Larry Wilmsen.

Graveside rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Friends Church or to the Station Clubhouse of the Poweshiek County Mental Health Center.

He was the son of Lewis and Elida Thoreson Larsen and was born March 19, 1925, near Grinnell. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1942. During the Korean Conflict he served with the U.S. Army.

He was married to Wanda Diane Sarver Sept. 11, 1955, in Searsboro. The couple lived in Grinnell where Mr. Larsen worked as a salesman and manager for McGregor's Furniture. In the late 1960s he was appointed business manager for the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District. He was also secretary to the Grinnell-Newburg Board of education and was a past president of the Iowa School Board Secretaries Association.

He was a member of the First Friends Church and the American Legion.

Surviving are his children, Christopher of Ankeny, Laurie of Grinnell and Jonathan of Iowa City; two brothers, Robert of Grinnell and Roger of Columbus, Neb.; and three sisters, Louise Wichman and Esther Ahrens, both of Grinnell, and Doris Marino of Hibbing, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Ralph, Lloyd and Carl; and one sister, Thelma.

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