Knudt Larsen services held



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Knudt Larsen, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, at his home southeast of Grinnell.

Memorial services were conducted Friday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Russell officiating. Providing vocal selections were a granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Toney of Grinnell. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were James Ryan, Kenneth Larsen, Eugene Doty, Merle Doty. William Slagle, and Robert Widermann, all grandsons. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery_

The son of Lars and Britt Knutson Dahle Morstal, he was born May 14, 1891, at Ramsdalen, Norway. He came to the U.S. in 1908, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1933. He had lived in the Grinnell vicinity since coming to the U.S.

On Feb. 17, 1915, he was married to Olga C. Figland. The couple had seven children.

Mr. Larsen was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the Methodist Men's Club, and a past member of the church board. He was a member of the Farm Bureau for nearly 50 years and had served on the board of directors of the Malcom Cooperative Elevator for several years.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Olga, in 1956; a son, Kenneth, who was killed in action in World War II; four-sisters, Clara, Berta and Astridof Norway and Mrs. Thea Burchland of Gilman; and two brothers, George Larsen of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ludwig Morstal of Norway.

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