

Barnett Latham

Barnett Latham, 102, of Grinnell died of congestive heart failure Saturday, Feb. 15, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ken Wallace, pastor of the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist will be Milton Severe. Casket bearers will be his grandchildren, Monte Latham, Debra Plaster, Chuck Weaver, Ron Weaver, Scott Latham and Mitchell Latham. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday. The family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

He was born March 16, 1894, at Plato, Ky., to James R.C. and Eliza Smith Latham. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. He assisted his father with the operation of their general store in Kentucky, and later he and his brother worked in Montana and Nebraska. He moved to Iowa in the 1920s and settled in the Newburg area where he worked as a farm hand.

He was married to Lena Maud Bennington March 17, 1929, at Iowa City. They farmed in the Rock Creek area and later on farms south of Grinnell. They retired in 1954 and moved to Grinnell.

Mr. Latham is survived by two sons, Donald and Laird, both of Grinnell; one daughter, Peggy Weaver of Grinnell; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Charles, Ed, Smith, Brinkley and Opie, and one sister, Mary Mae Poynter.