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George Lavent
services held

George M. Lavent, 70, of rural Grinnell, died Sunday, April 20, at Grinnell General Hospital.

The Scripture Service was recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rev. Harry Linnenbrink officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were: Arthur Adams, Clair Baker, Jerry Jansen, Albert Schinckel, Ray Schinckel and William Zylstra. Flowerbearers were Charlene Adams and Marilyn Perry. Burial was in the Calvary Section of Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Rene and Mary Malfait Lavent, he was born March 24, 1910, at Astene, Belgium. The family moved to the United States in 1914 and settled on a farm in the Victor area.

He attended rural schools near the family farm and later worked in a hospital at Rochester, Minn. He returned to Iowa and operated a service station in Montezuma.

During World War II, Mr. Lavent served with the U.S. Army in Europe. In 1946, he was married to Helen Martha Cleppe at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. The couple settled on their farm southwest of Grinnell. Mr. Lavent was a member of St.

Mary's Catholic Church and the Jasper County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; his children, John A. Lavent of New York, N.Y., Joel M. Lavent of Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Marsha VanSickie of Grinnell; two brothers, Marvel A. Lavent and Valere Lavent; and two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Madeline) Herbrandt and Mrs. Evan (Margaret) Gwin, all of Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Judith Louise Lavent, who died in 1946, and an infant brother, Andre.