

Paul M. Lavery



Paul M. Lavery, 77, of Laurel died Wednesday, Dec. 27, in rural Laurel.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Laurel United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Don Morrison officiating. Music was provided by Marilyn Elliott, Lana Anderson and bagpiper John Wilson.

Casket bearers were John and Christopher Latham; Larry, Dennis and Patrick Lavery; and Mike Stineman. Honorary bearers were Gary Paul, Joe Poole, Sam Lyle, Brian Wilson, Tom McMeekin and David G. Paul. Interment was at Graceland Cemetery, LAUREL.

He was the son of Thomas A. and Annie McMullen Lavery and was born Feb. 15, 1923, in Laurel. He was raised and educated in Laurel, graduating from high school there. He attended Marshalltown Business College, then began farming the family farm, which is now a Century Farm.

He was married to Mary Spence Aug. 24, 1942, in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Lavery was a member of the Laurel United Methodist Church. He was a 50-year member of the Cyprus Masonic Lodge, a member of Signet Chapter No. 38 RAM, King Solomon Council No. 202 R&SM, St. Aldemar Commandry No. 30 KT, a 50-year member of the ZaGaZig Shrine in Des Moines and a charter member of the Tin Lizzies Patrol.

Surviving are one son, Alan of Laurel; one daughter, Linda Latham of Alexander; four grandchildren; and his long-time companion, Pauline Phipps of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and two brothers, Thomas and John.