

Charles E. Louden



Charles E. Louden, 90, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Carman Center of the Mayflower, with the Rev. Del Dawes, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud.

Mr. Louden's body was deeded to the anatomy department of University of Iowa College of Medicine. Burial will be at a later date.

The son of Carl and Minnie Keil Louden, he was born April 8, 1910, in Clay County, Neb. He moved with his parents to Jasper County in 1913 and grew up on the family farm northwest of Grinnell. He was a 1927 graduate of Newburg High School and received his B.S. degree in agricultural engineering from Iowa State University in 1932. He began working for the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mt. Pleasant in 1934.

He was married to Josephine Buckley May 30, 1934, in Mt. Pleasant. They lived in several communities throughout Iowa and Kansas while he was employed in soil conservation.

In 1942, he moved to Dallas, Texas, and was employed by Employers Mutual Liability Insurance Co. He started his own business, C.E. Louden Insurance Agency, in 1959 in Dallas. He retired in 1975 and moved to Canton, Texas, prior to moving to the Mayflower in 1986.

While a member of the Dallas Civitan Club, he developed a scholarship program for high school seniors, and for that work was voted Most Valuable Club Member. While in Canton, he was active in A.A.R.P., serving as president of the Van Zandt County Chapter in 1978. He was voted Outstanding Citizen of Van Zandt County in 1982, and in 1985 he received the A.A.R.P. award for community service.

He was also active in the American Cancer Society and the Van Zandt County Fair Association. He served in the Older Iowans Legislature in 1987-88 and was appointed by then-Gov. Terry Branstad to serve on the Long Term Care Coordinating Unit Committee for a three-year term. He was past president of the Mayflower Residents Association. He was also a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and was a 60-year member of the Masons.

Surviving are his wife, June; one son, Charles E. II of Port Orchard, Wash.; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Hugh and Warren, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and one brother, Don.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mayflower Human Needs Fund.