

Howard Macy



H-R August 27, 2001
Howard Macy, 94, of Lynnville died Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Pete Schuler, pastor of the Taintor Community Church, officiating. Organist was Nancy Toppenberg. Pallbearers were Brian, Bradley and Brent Van Roekel; Dave Van Rees; Dwight Beyer; and Kevin Schultz.

Veterans ceremonial rites were performed by members of the Grinnell American Legion. Private family interment was at Woodland Cemetery, Lynnville.

The son of E.B. and Julia Whitlock Macy, he was born June 30, 1907, in Lynnville. He was a graduate of Lynnville High School and a 1929 graduate of Grinnell College. He later earned a degree in civil engineering at Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Macy returned to Lynnville and taught high school. He later joined Macy Brothers, a lumber, feed and grain business started by his father and uncle. In 1950, he and his brother started the Macy Corporation, a ready-mix concrete operation located on Lake Nyanza in Grinnell.

During World War II, Mr. Macy served with the U.S. Army in the China, Burma and India theater. His unit won the Distinguished Unit Citation and the Bronze Star.

He was married to Harriet Van Roekel Sept. 12, 1936, in Pella. They made their home in Lynnville, and Mrs. Macy became her husband's sole business partner until their retirement in 1990.

Mr. Macy was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church, where he taught Sunday school for many years. He was also a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and a 50-year member of the Lynnville Masonic Lodge. He served on the board of Iowa Realty Trust and was a former class agent for the Grinnell College Class of 1929.

His wife, Harriet, survives. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, Russell, Dwight, Roscoe, Earl and Francis.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or the Mayflower Health Care Center.