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Obituaries

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ALFRED J. MARTENS

Alfred J. Martens, 82, of 802 Prince Street, Grinnell, died June 19, 1986, at Friendship Manor. The son of August Johann Hinrich and Emma Helene Ott Martens, he was born July 20, 1903 in Hamburg, Germany. At an early age his parents died, and on April 14, 1923 he left Hamburg to come to the United States and Grinnell to make his home. For 45 years he was associated with the Iowa Southern Utilities as a gas maintenance and service man.

On May 14, 1932 he was married to Mildred Lois Williams in Grinnell. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, on April 12, 1984; his parents; and a sister Else Martens.

He is survived by a son and two daughters: Rodney and his wife Rita of East Moline, Ill.; Harriett and her husband James Wisecarver of Malcom; and Carol and her husband Danny Peters of Brooklyn. Also surviving are seven grandchildren.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held Tuesday, June 24 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, officiating. Organist was Tom Sandholm and guitar vocal selections were provided by Frank Shults. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Grinnell General Hospital or to Friendship Manor and left at the funeral home.

Mr. Martens *H-R June 23, 1986* rites Tuesday

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A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the United Church of Christ - Congregational, officiating. The body was cremated, and burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Members of the family will receive friends at the funeral home following the service. Memorials in Mr. Martens' name may be made to Grinnell General Hospital or Friendship Manor.

The son of August Johan and Emma Helene Ott Martens, he was born on July 20, 1903, in Hamburg, Germany. His parents died when he was young, and on April 14, 1923, he left Hamburg to come to the Grinnell area.

For 45 years, Mr. Martens was associated with Iowa Southern Utilities Co. as a gas/maintenance and service man.

On May 14, 1932, he was married to Mildred Williams in Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1984; his parents; and one sister, Elsie Martens. Survivors include one son, Rodney of East Moline, Ill.; two daughters, Harriett Wisecarver of rural Malcom and Carol Peters, rural Brooklyn; and seven grandchildren.

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