

Kenneth Meek

Kenneth R. Meek, 73, of Grinnell died of cancer Saturday, Feb. 24, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Michael D. Smith officiating. Organist will be Shirle Cline, and pallbearers will be Jerry Goodlaxen, Paul Hamor, Michael Hotchkin, Kenneth Jensenberg, Charley King, Robert Larson and Glenn Leggett.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials in Mr. Meek's name may be made to Hospice Grinnell or the First Presbyterian Church.

The son of Harry G. and Florence B. Robson Meek, he was born July 5, 1916, in Abilene, Kan. He was a 1936 graduate of Knoxville High School. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Dec. 25, 1940, he was married to Juanita C. Coy in Des Moines. They moved to Grinnell where they operated the Dixie Carmel Corn Shop on Main St. until 1952 when Mr. Meek began working for Preston's Clothing. In 1957 he began his career as an agent for State Farm Insurance, a position he held for 25 years until his retirement in 1982.

Following his retirement, he built and sold bird houses and feeders and helped his son with the Ferta Lawn business in Grinnell.

Mr. Meek was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Ambassadors Club and the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president of the Grinnell Lions Club and the Senior Group of the Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita; his mother, Florence Meek of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Sally Ann Oxley of Kearney, Neb.; two sons, Steven of Grinnell and Harry of Des Moines; four grandchildren; one brother, Keith of Dallas, Texas; and a sister, Harriett Lyon of Chico, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Eugene.