

Clifford Mielak dies Tuesday

Clifford J. Mielak, 59, of 932 Reed St., Grinnell, died Friday afternoon, Dec. 19, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. He had been in failing health in recent weeks.

The Scripture Service and Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, at which time Elks fraternal rites will also be conducted.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Harry H. Linnenbrink officiating, assisted by Lawrence Mielak, Mr. Mielak's brother who is a deacon of the church. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers will be Pat F. Forchert, Donald Cadde, Hugh German, Kip Hendrickson, Michael Lamp and Thoms D. Waldrop. Honor bearers will be James R. Garrison, Kevin J. Griffin, Robert Henderson, Paul H. Herrol, Ben Mitchell, Edwin M. Peterson, Roger Stewart and J. Wozny.

The son of Peter and Alfoza Kryczki Mielak, he was born Aug. 19, 1921, at Columbus, Neb. He attended St. Bonaventure High School in Columbus, and following his graduation began his career in the communications field with Western Union in Sidney, Neb., and Marshalltown.

In 1943, he took a position with Nebraska Continental Telephone Co. as an accountant, with later positions as assistant auditor and general accountant.

With the merger of Nebraska Continental Telephone and General Telephone and Elec-

tronics, he was transferred to Grinnell in 1956. He held a series of advancing positions, among them general accountant supervisor and general accountant manager. In 1974 he held the position of methods and special studies manager and, later that year, the office of tax and reports manager, a position he held until his death.

He was a member of several professional and business associations, including past president of the Iowa Association of Tax Representatives, the Missouri-Arkansas Association of Tax Representatives, the Nebraska Association of Tax Representatives, the Iowa Association of Taxpayers and the National Association of Railroad and Public Utility Representatives.

He was a past exalted ruler of Grinnell Lodge No. 1266, B.P.O. Elks, a charter member of the Grinnell Lions Club, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He was married to Mildred Hahn on Dec. 26, 1950, in Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Mielak survives him.

He is also survived by his children, Joan Sutton of Des Moines, Doris Mielak of Des Moines, Vicki Mielak of Des Moines, Cindy Beattie of Treynor, and Gregory Mielak of Grinnell; two grandchildren; his parents; two sisters, Margaret Torczon of Hutchinson, Kan., and Verna Mielak of Columbus, Neb.; and a brother, Lawrence Mielak of Columbus, Neb. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Mielak, this summer.