

Monday, July 19, 1965

Mark Morrison, Former Resident, Succumbs In West

Memorial services for Mark P. Morrison, 47, of Arcadia, Calif., a former Grinnell resident, were held Monday, July 12, in the Hillside church, at Rose Hills, Whittier, Calif. Mr. Morrison died unexpectedly July 9.

Born in Grinnell May 4, 1918, he was the youngest son of Fay J. Morrison and the late Frederic Morrison, who moved to southern California in 1940. The younger Mr. Morrison was a member of the great 1934-35 basketball team at Grinnell high school. The team, coached by Paul Frank, was defeated in the state finals after winning 26 consecutive games.

Mr. Morrison attended Grinnell College for one year, then went west to work. In 1941, several months prior to America's entry into World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and became a first lieutenant, flying 65 missions in the European Theater before earning an honorable discharge in August 1945. He won the Air Medal for his services.

After the war he worked in southern California, first with his brother, the late David C. Morrison. Later he went into the insurance business, spending most of his active business career in that line. He had been with Aetna several years prior to his death.

Survivors include his widow, Claire; a son, David; a daughter, Vicki, all at home in Arcadia; his mother, also of Arcadia; a sister, Mrs. Bert (Mary) Sanders, Grants Pass, Ore.; and two brothers, James P. Morrison, Berkeley, Calif., and Dr. Paul W. Morrison, Minot, N. Dak.

The Rev. David Reed of the Arcadia Congregational church, of which Mr. Morrison was a member, led the memorial service. Committal was in the Rose Hills cemetery.