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Dale Mortensen

Dale Mortensen, 79, of Marshalltown, formerly of Grinnell, died of dementia Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Iowa Veterans Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Casket bearers will be John, Kenneth, Richard, Daniel, Cory and Cody Mortensen; Kenneth Allsup; Chad Forbes; and Nick Danley. Military honors will be conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at noon Friday. The family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

He was born Dec. 7, 1921, in Battle Creek, Iowa, to Thorvald and Anna Hermina Iverson Mortensen. He was raised in Battle Creek and attended school there. He served with the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II.

On Jan. 18, 1947, he was married to Anna Marie Hotchkin in Grinnell. They lived in Story City, and he worked as a lineman and combination technician for General Telephone Co. They moved to Grinnell in 1959 where he owned and operated Mortensen Excavating Co. until his health failed in the mid-1960s. He had resided at Veterans Homes in Knoxville and Marshalltown for several years.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the VFW and the American Legion, of which he was past commander of the Story City post.

Survivors include four sons, John of Chattanooga, Okla., Kenneth of Montezuma, Richard of Newburg and Daniel of Newton; one daughter, Susan Forbes of Newton; one brother, Winston of Arthur; one sister, Winifred Segaborth of Mapleton; 16 grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and two sisters, Betty Welte and Phyllis Sovtas.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Legion of Iowa and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.