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Rites held for Mr. McCleery

Hugh McCleery, 86, of 1433 Spencer St., Grinnell, died Wednesday, March 18, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Laurel, with the Revs. Raymond Lott and Terri Elder officiating. Music was provided by organist Norman Goodbrod and vocalist Richard Ferguson.

Pallbearers were Clair Erwin, Ervin Harre, Patrick McCarville, John Wilson, Samuel McIlrath and Richard Thorsen. Honorary bearers were Delmar Adkins, Robert Baumann, Vincent Harsha, Edwin Jontz, Wendell Kinnaid, Donald Lambie, Paul Laverty, Arthur McDowell, Harold McIlrath, Thomas McMeekin, Harris Stafford, John Tomasek, John Wilson Sr. and E. Hugh Wilson.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery at Laurel, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

The son of Robert J. And Louise Estabrook McCleery, he was born on Feb. 26, 1901, at Oxford, Iowa. His family moved to Laurel in 1913 and he graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1919. He attended the University of Minnesota for two years before graduating from Grinnell College in 1926.

While attending Grinnell College he worked parttime for the Grinnell Savings Bank, now Grinnell State Bank. Following graduation he worked at the Farmers Merchants Bank, now the Brenton National Bank, before returning to Grinnell State where he served as an officer and director.

He was married to Sylvia McIlrath on April 16, 1930, at Laurel. They lived in Grinnell before returning to Laurel in 1939 where they purchased the Peoples Savings Bank. Mr. McCleery continued to work at that bank for 23 years, serving as president before retiring in 1962. Mr. and Mrs. McCleery moved to Grinnell in 1968.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Hermon Masonic Lodge and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He served on the Grinnell School Board from 1937 to 1939. He also served as mayor of Laurel for many years, was a past president of the Group 6 State Banking Committee, and served on the Laurel United Methodist Church Board.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia; one daughter, Sammy of Belfast, Northern Ireland; and three grandchildren.