

11-12 January 17, 1985
Mr. McCleery services held

John A. McCleery, 66, of 417 Fifth Ave., Grinnell, died Monday, Jan. 14, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson of the Grinnell Christian Church officiating. Organist was Jolene Jones, and vocalist was Lori Blacker. Pallbearers were Melvin Doty, Harry Ryan, Joe Shimp, Bob Toney, Carl Wiltrup and Charles Ziegenmeyer. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. McCleery's name may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church or to the American Diabetes Association.

He was born on June 18, 1918, at Jackson, Mich. He was raised by his stepfather and mother, Maynard and Ruth Wilkins Server. He attended Jackson schools and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in civil engineering. He served with

the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Jan. 11, 1946, he was married to Esther Rae Finkbiner in Pontiac, Mich. Following their marriage, he worked for the Michigan Highway Department and later for Austin Engineers Co. Mr. and Mrs. McCleery moved to Grinnell in 1981 and were members of the Grinnell Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; his children, Gloria J. Doty of Grinnell and John A. McCleery of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren; his stepfather, Maynard Server of Leslie, Mich.; four brothers, Ray McCleery and Bob Server, both of Jackson, Mich., Wallace Server of Boca Raton, Fla., and Fred Server of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and two sisters, Eleanor Richmond of Jackson, Mich., and Kathleen Arbitter of Rabun Gap, Ga. He was preceded in death by his mother and his sister, Marjorie Hackney.