

Arthur O. McDowell

H-R June 3, 1996



Arthur O. McDowell, 93, of Grinnell died Friday, May 31, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Friends Church, with the Rev. Keith Briggs officiating. Music will be provided by organist Kathleen Heffner, vocalist Betty Haywood and pianist Annette Jelsma.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Susan Benecke, Carl, Charles and Paul Haywood, Annette Jelsma and Mark McDowell. Honorary bearers will be Albert Eisenman, Corwin Hadley, Addison Jones, LeRoy Meredith, Clarence "Duke" McCurry, William Morrison, Roger Roland and Cliff Strovers.

A Masonic service was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Mr. McDowell's name may be made to the Mayflower.

The son of William and Mary Heacock McDowell, he was born June 22, 1902, in Grinnell. He was a 1924 graduate of Grinnell High School. Mr. McDowell worked as office manager for the Farmers Elevator in Grinnell.

He was married to Mildred E. Hadley June 14, 1930, in Marshalltown. They lived in Grinnell where he worked for Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Association from 1929 to 1970. He served as assistant secretary of the association from 1939 to 1944, and from 1944 to 1970 he was secretary-treasurer. He also owned and operated the McDowell Insurance Agency for many years.

He was a member of the First Friends Church and served as the church's treasurer, trustee and clerk. He was also a 50-year member of Chapter 47 of the Order of Eastern Star, the Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273, the Royal Arch Masons, the Za Ga Zig Shrine and the Scottish Rite Consistory, of which he was past president.

Mr. McDowell also served as president of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and the Grinnell Park Board. He served on the boards of Grinnell State Bank, Grinnell Federal Savings Bank, Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association and the former Grinnell Community Hospital. He was a former trustee of William Penn College in Oskaloosa. He received the first Iowa Insurance Award, and in 1968 he received the Iowa Conservation Farm Award.

He is survived by his son, Raymond of Eldora; his daughter, Carolyn Haywood of Conrad; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Northup of Gardena, Calif.; one half-brother,

Kenneth of Mead, Okla.; and one half-sister, Lucile White of Branson, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Delpha May McDowell; one sister, Bertha; seven brothers, Alfred, William, Charles, Leslie, Earl, Carl and Paul; and a half-brother, Keith.

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