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## W.J. McNeil dies at 77

Wilford J. McNeil, 77, a native of Scarborough who served for a number of years in the U.S. Department of Defense, died Thursday morning at Alexandria, Va. 445, 32.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning, with burial at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Mr. McNeil, who was president of Grace Shipping Co., was a frequent Grinnell visitor.

Among survivors are a brother, E.W. McNeil of Montezuma.

## Wilfred McNeil To Head Grace Steamship Lines

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Former Poweshiek county resident Wilfred J. McNeil will assume the presidency of Grace Steamship Lines later this year following his retirement from government service.

McNeil, who graduated from high school and college in Grinnell, has served as assistant secretary of defense and comptroller since 1947. On Sept. 15, he announced his resignation from the post, effective Nov. 1.

He has made his home with his wife in Washington, D. C., for the past 22 years, but it was indicated they will move to New York City when he takes over his new duties.