

Harold Nelson

Harold Nelson, 78, of Grinnell died Thursday, May 4, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville officiating. Organist was Edward Bohstedt, and vocalists were Patty Evans and Mary Edna Sherman.

Pallbearers were Vern Brooke, Harold Brown, Donovan Evans, LaVerne Morrison, Maynard Raffety and Willard Wells. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Nelson's name may be made to the Grinnell First Baptist Church.

The son of Swan and Esther Anderson Nelson, he was born Jan. 11, 1911, at Lindborg, Kan. He graduated from Lindborg High School and attended Bethany College. He received his A.B. degree from Fort Hays (Kan.) State University in 1935, his M.S. from the University of Colorado in 1940, and his M.A. from the University of Denver in 1955. He studied further at the University of Alabama, Indiana University and the University of Iowa.

From 1966 to 1977 he taught at Marshalltown Community College, and from 1977 to 1982 he taught at Upper Iowa University at Fayette. He had lived in Grinnell since 1968.

Mr. Nelson was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Toastmasters Club and the Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Opal M. Nelson of Grinnell; a daughter, Kathryn Anne Nelson of Davenport; a step-daughter, June Fike of Valley Center, Kan.; two step-granddaughters; and two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Eugene.