

George W. Norris, 81

George W. Norris, 81, of Oakland Acres, Grinnell, Iowa, died on Thursday, May 16, 1996, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines of complications following heart surgery.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 1996 at the Ahrens Family Center in Grinnell. The body was cremated and there will be no visitation.

George was born November 14, 1914 near Brooklyn, the son of Elzy and Harriet (Wilson) Norris. He married Ferne Opal Hart of Seymour, on May 22, 1938. On May 22, they would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. In 1945 they moved to Grinnell and George taught industrial arts at the local high school. He became a prominent sports referee who officiated several years at the state basketball tournaments. In 1991 he was accepted into the Officials Hall of Fame. In 1955 he joined J.S. Latta, a school supplies firm in Cedar Falls and retired in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters: Retta Swindal-Baker, Agnes Montgomery and Thelma Fountain; an infant brother; and one brother Lloyd.



George is survived by his wife, Ferne; four children: Richard Lloyd, Grinnell; Charles Hart, Sebastopol Calif.; Jacqueline Carole Dale, Port Ludlow, Wash.; and Steven Donald, Irvine Calif.; four grandchildren: Scott, son of Richard, and Steven, Matthew and Charles, sons of Steven.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to a cancer or heart society. Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is in charge of arrangements.

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May 20, 1996

George Norris



George Wilson Norris, 81, of 9 Lake Shore Dr., Grinnell, died following heart surgery Thursday, May 16, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

The body was cremated. There will be no funeral services. However, there will be a celebration of his life at a later date.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to local chapters of the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association or to Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 14, 1914, near Brooklyn, the son of Elzy and Harriet Wilson Norris. He was married to Ferne Opal Hart of Seymour May 22, 1938. She survives at their home at Oakland Acres.

Also surviving are four children, Richard Lloyd of rural Grinnell, Charles Hart of Sebastopol, Calif., Jacqueline Carole Dale of Port Ludlow, Wash., and Steven Donald of Irvine, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Retta Baker, Agnes Montgomery and Thelma Fountain; two brothers, Lloyd and one in infancy; and his parents.

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