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Carl Orr, 84, of Grinnell and Fort Myers, Fla., died May 3 in Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers where he made his home in the winter.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, May 7, during a worship service at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Fort Myers. A visitation in his honor will be held later in the Orr home in Grinnell.

He was born Oct. 21, 1915, in New York City, the son of Mae and Joe Orr. He attended public schools in Brooklyn, N.Y., and graduated from Boys' High School. He attended the school of business administration of the College of the City of New York, then graduated in the field of commercial art from the Mechanics Institute of New York.

He began his career in the field of newspapers and advertising with the Bell Newspaper Syndicate of the North American Newspaper Alliance. He later did public relations in New York for the Gannett Newspaper Co., then became an advertising consultant for a succession of companies.

He was married Nov. 26, 1947, to Joann Yessler and they resided in Chicago, Ill., where he became involved with the food profession. In 1950 he developed a bakery delivery service in Cedar Rapids. In 1952 he purchased Lang's Dairy in Grinnell which he operated until 1966 when it was sold to Anderson-Erickson Dairy of Des Moines.

He then took up farming including a cow-calf operation and in 1968 bought the Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Grinnell, building a garage on West Street, which he later sold to three employees.

He was a member of the Grinnell Rotary Club, Grinnell Caring Adults, the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Fort Myers and the stroke exercise group at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers.

He is survived by his wife Joann of Grinnell and Fort Myers and one sister, Ruth Gilbert, also of Fort Myers.