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Edward Peak

Edward B. Peak, 88, of Grinnell died Monday, Oct. 6, at the Mayflower Health Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Vocalist was Nancy Burchland, and keyboardist was Angie Hulin.

Casket bearers were his grandsons, Matthew Knoll, Craig Stadtmueller, Greg Sturtz, Steven Sturtz, Brian Tokle and Bruce Tokle. Honorary bearers were Harley McIlrath, Louis Morrison, Jim Paul, Truman Rosedale, Clarence Scobee and Bill Wiseman. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

A Masonic ceremony was conducted Wednesday by members of the Gilman Masonic Lodge.

The son of James and Elizabeth Bennett Peak, he was born April 26, 1909, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The family moved to Iowa and settled in the Grinnell area. He grew up in the Ewart and Rock Creek areas and attended Parker School in Grinnell.

He was married to Sarah Evelyn Miller May 10, 1933, in Brooklyn. They farmed near Gilman and Newburg before retiring in 1979 and moving to Grinnell.

While living in Gilman, Mr. Peak served on the Gilman School Board, the Gilman Elevator Board and the Gilman Telephone Board. He was a charter member of the Gilman Lions Club and a 50-year member of Gilman Masonic Lodge No. 338, A.F. and A.M. He attended the Newburg Church for many years and later became a member of the Grinnell Christian Church and the church's Leaders Club.

Surviving are his son, Edward of Newburg; four daughters, Katherine Sturtz of Gilman, Sandra Tokle and Paulette Knoll, both of Grinnell, and Carolyn Stadtmueller of Monticello; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, John of Grinnell; and two sisters, Margaret Harris and Rebina Johnson, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one granddaughter; two brothers, James and Bill; and one sister, Mary Jane Durr Fetzer.

Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Christian Church, Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation, Caring Adults, the Mayflower or the National Parkinson's Foundation.