
Martin Pearce

Martin S. Pearce, 82, of No. 7 Beck Court, Grinnell, died Thursday, April 16, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the First Friends Church, with the Revs. Keith Briggs and Howard Lord officiating. Music was provided by Kathy McCunc, organist; Kathy Vanderploeg, pianist; Greg Lincoln and Rita Heuss, vocalists; and the Rock Creek Country Band.

Pallbearers were Greg Lincoln, Robert Mitchell, Steve Neighbors, Geoffrey Peak, Ben Pearce, Dave Pierce, Bill Pearce and Robert Mitchell. Honorary bearers were Harold Brown, Robert Dale, Don Niemants, Russell Niemants, James Peak, John Peak and Dick Saunders. Burial was in Westfield Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 8, 1916, near Grinnell to Frank H. and Ethel Hargraves Pearce. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. He was a 1935 graduate of Grinnell High School. He then operated the family farm.

He was married to Doris White April 15, 1945, at her parents' home near Grinnell. They lived on a farm south of Grinnell until moving to Grinnell in 1992.

Mr. Pearce was a member of the First Friends Church and the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Robert of Grinnell; two daughters, Peggy Larimer and Patricia Dale, both of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, George Pearce of Ocean-side, Calif.; and four sisters, Matilda Morrison of San Gabriel, Calif., Myrtle Frank of Garden Grove, Calif., Ethel Mae Morrison of Fargo, N.D., and Gladys Keller of Sigourney.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Loren and William; and one sister, Wilma Main.

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