

DeLoss Phelps

DeLoss O. "Dee" Phelps, 83, of 1602 Tenth Ave. Place, Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure and Parkinson's disease Monday, Jan. 8, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

The son of Frank W. and Minnie E. Phelps, he was born April 1, 1912, in Pontiac, Mich. he received his education in Flint, Mich., and later the Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo. Following his education he was employed by the Consumer Power Co. in the Detroit area. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps during World War II and of the Air Force during the Korean conflict.

He was married to Margaret E. Bangham June 4, 1945, in Grinnell. The couple lived in Denver, Colo., before returning to Grinnell in 1945. Mr. Phelps was employed as a warehouse supervisor with Iowa Southern Utilities until his retirement in 1977.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the AFL-CIO and IBEW. He was also active as Boy Scout leader of Troop 313 during the 1950s and '60s.

He is survived by two sons, Jeffrey L. and James R., both of Grinnell, and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Jack, Leo and Noble; and two sisters, Pearl Findley and Clara Pratt.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.