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Roland rites held today

Eugene A. Roland, 85, a longtime resident of What Cheer and owner of Rolandale Hatchery, died Monday, July 9, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Eugene A. Roland will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the What Cheer Baptist Church, with the Rev. Warren L. James, Pastor of the church, officiating.

Music will be provided by Mrs. Verna Landers, organist, and Gordon VanDonselaar, vocalist.

Pallbearers will be James Coulter, David Flint, Vernon Hixon, Theodore Kensler, Lauren Looney and Leonard Ridgeway. Honorary pallbearers will be John Ballensky, Raymond Horn, Stephen Peiffer and Elmer Schrader.

Graveside services will be conducted by the What Cheer Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with Millard McCay commander, and Elmer Schrader, chaplain, and members of the Lash-Jordan-Pehrens Post 533 of the American Legion participating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery at What Cheer.

Born in What Cheer on Aug. 7, 1893, he was the son of Pierre and Appoline Duquesne Roland. He attended schools in What Cheer and graduated from high school there in 1912. He received further education from Cornell University in New York.

During his early years, he served as a station agent for the Rock Island Railroad at Belle Plaine and Sweet Grass, Mont. He served in the Army in France during World War I.

On Nov. 26, 1922, he married Dollie Sicle Adams in Albia. The couple made their home in What Cheer, where he was widely known in the poultry business, running his hatchery for 39 years.

After retiring in 1959, he was active in the American Legion. He made his home in Grinnell for the past few years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dollie, and two brothers, Oscar and Henry. He is survived by his sons, Roger D. Roland of Grinnell, Gene R. Roland of Waterloo; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Emma Kolling of Albia.