

Russell Sears

Russell Sears, 72, of 1336 Prairie St., Grinnell, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Chester Cemetery.

Friends may call the funeral home for additional information.

Russell O. Sears

Funeral services for Russell O. Sears, 72, who died Oct. 23 at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines, were conducted Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

The Rev. Kenneth Wallace, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Congregational United Church of Christ, officiated. Organist was Alice Renaud, and pallbearers were Jim Ahrens, Daryl Bennett, Gene Campbell, Gary Lutz, Paul Pedersen and Don Vogt. Burial was in Chester Cemetery. Fraternal rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell I.O.O.F. Lodge.

The son of Lloyd and Lillian Bennett Sears, he was born Jan. 2, 1918, in Chester Township. He was a 1935 graduate of Newburg High School.

He was married to Francene Worthy June 4, 1941, in Kirksville, Mo. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army in Europe. Following his discharge in 1945, he returned to Grinnell where he and his wife farmed until 1954. He then worked for Moormann Feeds, Gould's Feeds, Amana Refrigeration and the city of Grinnell before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Sears was a member of The American Legion and the Eagles, and he was a past noble grand of the Grinnell Odd Fellows Lodge.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Carol Ebert of Grinnell, Barbara Tarantino of Newton, Judy Bohner of Blue Springs, Mo., and Linda Stanley of Villa Park, Ill.; a brother, Roger of Alma, Ark.; a sister, Alice Lutz of Black Earth, Wis.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry, and one brother, Maynard.

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