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Bernard Simmons

Bernard H. Simmons, 84, of 298 440th Ave., Grinnell, died Wednesday, March 12, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Revs. David Pinkerton and Tom Good officiating. Burial was in Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell.

He was the son of Leonard and Cora Selle Simmons and was born May 11, 1912, on the family farm south of Grinnell. He was raised in the Oak Grove neighborhood and attended rural school.

On Oct. 23, 1938, he was married to Bertha Van Hal at Lynnville. He

was a livestock and grain farmer in the Oak Grove area.

Following Mrs. Simmons' death, he was married to Velma Gilbreath Feb. 14, 1978, at Oskaloosa.

He was a member of the Oak Grove Friends Church and a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his son, Jerry Simmons of Keokuk; one daughter, Linda Heishman of Grinnell; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Esther Criswell of Grinnell, Ruth Michel of Chicago, Edith Erickson of Orlando, Fla., and Dorothy Beason of San Bernardino, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two wives.