

Max F. "Moxy" Smith

Max F. "Moxy" Smith died Jan. 7, 2000 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center at the age of 83.

His funeral was Jan. 10 at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. The Rev. John Epperson of Grinnell Christian Church was officiant.

Organist Margaret Wheeler played "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art."

Casket bearers were Rick Burkett, Neil Burkett, Gary Harter, Ron Harter, Tommy Heath, Dennis Moore, Jr., Kerry Moore and Randy Smith. Honorary bearers were Hollis Elliott, Jerry McGinnis, Francis Smith and Bud Smothers.

Veterans' military rites were performed by members of Grinnell American Legion Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 with Bret Crowl sounding taps.

Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Born June 25, 1916 in Searsboro, Mr. Smith was the son of George and Cecile Farmer Smith. He was raised in the area and attended rural school in the Blue Point neighborhood. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, along with his five brothers and served in the Pacific Theater.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he returned to Grinnell and worked for Maytag and as a carpenter in Newton for several years. He moved to

Montezuma in 1954 and returned to Grinnell in 1963. He was employed by the Iowa Department of Transportation for 26 years and retired in February 1980.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Grinnell American Legion Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 and the VFW.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and gardening. In his later years, Mr. Smith looked forward to fishing at Rathbun Lake, hunting for mushrooms and watching the geese at Arbor Lake. His grandchildren were a delight to him and he enjoyed playing cards with his great-grandchildren. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and love for his family.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one daughter, Charlotte Kay Smith; one sister, Zelpha Crews; two brothers, Jack and Neil Smith and one grandson, Kaleb Moore.

He is survived by two daughters, Hedy Moore of Monroe and Sheila Heath of Burlington; his close friend, Lucille Workman of Altoona; four brothers, Abe, George, Jr. and Toby of Grinnell and Swede of Bellflower, Calif. and two sisters, Peggy Armstrong of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Norma Burkett of Newburg. Five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren also live to honor his memory.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Iowa Foundation of the American Legion.

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Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers were Rick and Neil Burkett, Gary and Ron Harter, Tommy Heath, Dennis Moore Jr., Kerry Moore and Randy Smith. Honorary bearers were Hollis Elliott, Jerry McGinnis, Francis Smith and Bud Smothers.

Military rites were conducted by members of the Focht-Tennant American Legion Post of Grinnell, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

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He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II with his five brothers. He served in the Pacific theater. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Grinnell and was employed by Maytag in Newton for several years. He also did carpentry work. He moved to Montezuma in 1954 and returned to Grinnell in 1963.

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