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Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart. A Masonic service was conducted at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home by members of Hermon Masonic Lodge of Grinnell.

The son of Berger and Olia Mabel Christianson Stemsrud, he was born April 15, 1911, in Rock Valley. He moved to Poweshiek County with his parents when he was a young boy. He attended rural school and later assisted his father with farming in the Newburg and Kellogg areas.

He was married to Margaret Arthur June 1, 1941, and the couple lived and farmed near Ewart.

He was a member of the Hermon Masonic Lodge for over 50 years and a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge of Grinnell for 46 years. He was also a member of the Ewart Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Billie Rimrodt of Arlington, Texas, Judith D'Amico of Portland, Maine, and Linda Vogt of Fayette, Mo.; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Mildred Black and Bernice Capasso, both of Grinnell, and Nell Shimer of Brownsville, Wis.; and one brother, Clinton of Webster City.

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A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, conducted by members of Hermon Masonic Lodge.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Stemsrud's name may be made to the Home Health Service of Grinnell Regional Medical Center and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell 50112.

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