

Clair Strand dies in Arizona

Clair Strand, 74, of 827 East St., Grinnell, died early Wednesday morning in Scottsdale, Ariz. Feb. 8.

Mr. Strand, a former state representative and former owner of the United Food store here, was vacationing with his wife, Beulah, in Arizona.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church here, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home, beginning at 1 p.m.



Clair Strand

H-R February 9, 1984

H-R February 13, 1984 Clair Strand services held

Funeral services for Clair Strand, 74, of Grinnell, who died of a heart attack Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Scottsdale, Ariz., were conducted at 10:30 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church here.

The Rev. Robert C. Smith officiated. Eulogist was Forrest Mitchell. Organist was Marty Shull, and pallbearers were Richard Brown, Albert Bryan, Gary Davis, Al Eisenman, Donovan Evans, LeRoy Meredith, Don Milburn and Harold Shull.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Alfred and Katherine Engelson Strand, he was born Aug. 21, 1909, near Gilman. He grew up in Chester Township and attended Gilman school.

On July 6, 1936, he was married to Beulah Brown. The couple lived in Grinnell where they owned and operated the United Food Store for 33 years. In 1958, Mr. Strand opened the first laundromat in Grinnell and he also operated one in Montezuma.

He served as a state representative from 1967 to 1972.

Mr. Strand was an active member of the Grinnell First Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club, the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce, Hermon Masonic Lodge, the I.O.O.F. Lodge, and the B.P.O. Elks Lodge. He was a 50-year member of the Rebekah Lodge.

He also served on the Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan board of directors and was a former member of the Stewart Library board, the Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education, the Greater Grinnell Development Corp. board, the Grinnell Country Club board, and the Grinnell Planning Commission.

Survivors include his wife, Beulah; two daughters, Charlotte Ellis of Grinnell and Betty Murray of Bettendorf; six grandchildren; three brothers, Kenneth Strand of Adel, Ralph Strand of Rock Creek Lake and Donald Strand of Orlando, Fla.; and two sisters, Theresa Beason of Gilman and Genevieve Russell of Bettendorf.