LaVaughn Bonnie Cram, 84

LaVaughn Bonnie Cram, 84, of Grinnell died Saturday, October 9, 2004, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, October 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Brian Shepley, pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brooklyn, officiating. Burial with military honors was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The casket bearers were Aaron Anothayanontha, C.D.R. Phillip and Jeffery Cram, Dave and Mark Hutchison, and Donn and Tom Pugh.

The honorary bearers were Dick Clark, Delmar and Robert Cram, Joe Dodd, Eugene Fenske, Paul Peiffer, Bob Smith and Stanley Walford.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell handled arrangements.

The son of Lee and Mary Ann Collum Cram, he was born October 27, 1919, in Brooklyn. He was raised in Brooklyn, and he was a graduate of Brooklyn High School. He was a veteran

of the United States Army, and he served during World War II and Korea.

On February 11, 1942, he married Phyllis Helm in Brooklyn. The couple made their home in Grinnell where they raised their four children. He was the owner of Parish and Cram Refrigeration. He retired in 1981 after being active in business for 30 years.

Following the death of his wife, Phyllis, in 1980, he married Pauline Walford Pugh on February 13, 1982, in Grinnell. They continued to make their home there.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, and he was a 60-year member of the Grinnell American Legion. He was formerly active with the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his children, Judith Anothayanontha of Wichita Falls, Texas, Rebecca Hutchison of Marshalltown, C.D.R. Phillip Cram of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jeffery Cram of Mons, Belgium; two brothers, Delmar Cram of Humboldt and Robert Cram of Phoenix, Arizona; one sister, Betty Allgood, of Grinnell; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; one sister, Frances Wilcox; and one brother, Raymond Cram.