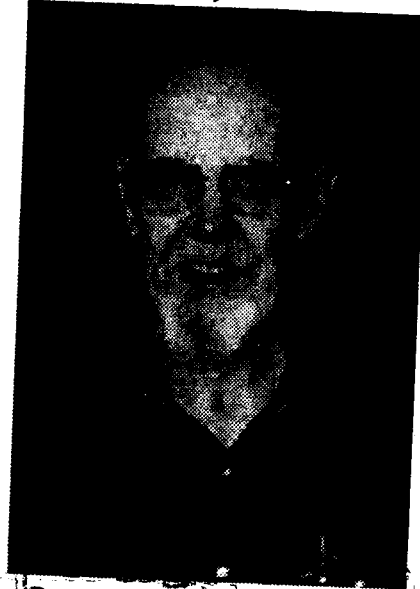


Raymond Ziegenmeyer

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Raymond G. Ziegenmeyer, 82, of Grinnell died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Lott, retired, officiating. Organist was Theresa Ziegenmeyer and vocalist was Milton Severe. Pallbearers were Erin McDaniel, Carolyn Plue, Sandi Reimenschneider, Julie and Robin Swank and Charles, Daniel and James Ziegenmeyer. Honorary bearers were Justin and Zachary Plue, Jim Sage and Alida, Ben, Carl, Carleys, Eric, Jonathan, Joshua, Kristen, Matthew, Nick, Steve and Thomas Ziegenmeyer. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Raymond G. Ziegenmeyer Memorial Fund.

The son of Otto and Esther McCosh

Ziegenmeyer, he was born Dec. 2, 1921, in Blue Earth, Minn. He moved with his family several years later to a farm south of Grinnell and was a 1939 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and served with the 324th unit as a belly gunner on a B-24. His campaigns included Naples, Foggia, Sicily and Ploesti while he was stationed in North Africa and England. He was the recipient of three air force medals with oak clusters, two commendations, two distinguished flying medals and four bronze stars.

He was married to Mabel Plum on Dec. 24, 1941, in Grinnell. He was employed as a welder for his father-in-law, then purchased the business in 1947. He had serviced the Grinnell area for nearly 60 years. He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion, serving twice as commander, a past member of the 40 & 8, and was awarded a "Leave It Better Than You Found It" certificate.

He is survived by his wife Mabel Ziegenmeyer of Grinnell; one son, James of Marshfield, Mass, and two daughters, Sandi Reimenschneider of Marshalltown and Carolyn Plue of Landover Hill, Md.; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; one brother, Charles of Grinnell, and one sister Margaret Schmitz of St. Louis. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Max.