

Howard Thompson

Howard L. Thompson, 67, of Oakland Acres died of cancer Thursday, March 14, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bruce Fuerbach officiating. Organist was Deb Lombard, pianist was Joanna Fields, and vocalists were Ken Fields, Cynthia Christopher and Leroy and Doris Calvin.

Pallbearers were Leroy Calvin, Kurt Hatton, Walt Jones, Larry Sears, Ray Spriggs and Don Turner. Honorary bearers were Paul Elliott, Ralph Fleener, Robert Otto, Howard Vanness and Cliff Van Wyngarden.

Burial was in Bethel Cemetery in rural Jasper County.

Memorials in Mr. Thompson's name may be made to Calvary Baptist Church.

He was the son of Robert and Naomi Anderson Thompson and was born May 17, 1928, southwest of Grinnell. He was raised on the family farm and attended Richland "Frog Pond" School. He was a 1946 graduate of Grinnell High School and also attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines.

He was married to Nedra N. Dotson Sept. 14, 1948, in Des Moines. They lived in Grinnell, and Mr. Thompson worked at Swift and Company, and from 1950 to 1990 he worked in the accounting department of Morrison-Shults Co., later DeLong Sportswear.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, serving as a deacon and in many other capacities.

Surviving are his wife; his mother; his children, Deborah Buck of Mulberry, Fla., Melinda Kaisand of Newton, Brian Thompson of Grinnell, Jolene Petersen of Independence, Susan Cole of Perry and the Rev. Bruce Thompson of Oskaloosa; 17 grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Turner of Grinnell; and two brothers, Eldon of Grinnell and Frank of West Palm Beach, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father; two grandsons; one sister, Grace Riddle; and one brother, Harold.

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