

Duane L. Town, D.O.



Dr. Duane Town

Grinnell optometrist Duane Town, 56, died of a stroke July 21, at Grinnell Hospital.

Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Pallbearers were Rick Bierman, Dr. Chuck Cummings, Paul Davoux, Robert Dixen, Ronald Emerson, Tom Latimer, John Martinek, Mark McLaughlin, Paul Soukup, Rick Town, Thomas Trachta, Robert Trachta, Darrell Young and Jim Webb.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was born May 16, 1939, in Webster City, the son of R. Eugene and Ethel Carlson Town. He graduated from the University of Iowa and later received his degree in optometry from the Illinois College of Optometrics in Chicago. Following his education he served in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Town began his practice of optometry in Grinnell in 1965.

Surviving are his wife, Karen; three stepchildren, Christopher Sutliff of Grinnell, Caroline Sutliff of Iowa City and Sara Sutliff of Boston; and one grandson.

Grinnell optometrist Duane Town, 56, of 1515 Broad St., Grinnell, died of a stroke Friday, July 21, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Christopher Dixon of St. Joseph's Seminary, Hannibal, Mo., officiating. Music will be provided by members of St. Mary's Choir and organist Pat Shaw. Pallbearers will be Rick Bierman, Dr. Chuck Cummings, Paul Davoux, Robert Dixen, Ronald Emerson, Tom Latimer, John Martinek, Mark McLaughlin, Paul Soukup, Rick Town, Thomas Trachta, Robert Trachta, Darrell Young and Jim Webb.

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He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Lodge and the American Legion. He was past president of the Grinnell Lions Club. He was a member of the American and Iowa Optometric Associations.

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