

Steve Vrban rites Monday

Steve Vrban, 70, of 633 Main St., Grinnell, died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday evening, March 12, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Douglas P. Harding of the Eddyville United Methodist Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Russ Adkins, Walter A. "Jake" Barnes, Maynard Durr, Roger Osborn, Tony Peterson and Don Van Wechel. Honorary bearers were Francis Barkley, Clarence and Dick Fedro, Harold Hyatt and Matt and Todd Vrban.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted by the Melcher Masonic Lodge, with burial in the Dallas, Iowa, Cemetery at 1 p.m. Memorials may be left at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

The son of Frank and Frances Vidas Vrban, he was born Nov. 29, 1915, at Olmitz, Iowa. He attended Dallas schools, including Dallas High School.

On June 29, 1940, he was married to Rose Giles. He served with the U.S. Army Air Force

in the South Pacific during World War II. For several years he was employed at James Motors and Cunningham Motors in Knoxville as a mechanic, and for over 20 years he worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., in Des Moines. He and his family moved to Grinnell in 1966. The family owned and operated the Dairy Queen until 1973.

Mr. Vrban was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge in Melcher and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Des Moines.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; one son, Michael of Edgerton, Kan.; two grandchildren; four brothers, Tony and Gregory of Pleasantville, Matt of Melcher and John of Dallas; and two sisters, Frances Vrban of San Francisco, Calif., and Eva Hungett of Indianola. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Joe and Vance.

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