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Mr. Wassom rites Monday



Samuel J. Wassom

Samuel J. Wassom, 84, of 1225 Elm St., Grinnell, died Thursday, Jan. 12, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Arvid Dixen officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo. Pallbearers were Marvin Amo, William "Abe" Bryan, David Barger, Kirk Ferneau, Jack Marcum, Arnold Hagen and Edd Bowers. Honorary bearers were Hugh Hanson and Donald Lambie. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or Stewart Library and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Clark and Amelia Kolbe Wassom, he was born Nov. 28, 1904, in Burlington. He attended rural school and graduated from Burlington High School and the University of Northern Iowa. He received his master's degree in educational administration from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

He was married to Jane Becknell Aug. 23, 1936, in Waterloo. The couple lived in several Iowa communities before coming to Grinnell in 1948 when he joined the administration of Grinnell College.

While at the University of Northern Iowa, he was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi, Sigma Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Mu honor societies.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; a son, John of Bowling Green, Ky.; two daughters, Jeanne Marie Iburg of Groton, Mass., and Marilyn Jane Kirby of Fulton, Mo.; six grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Jackson of Mount Pleasant. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William.