

Clifford Welcher

Clifford C. Welcher, 81, of Grinnell died at his home Thursday, July 19.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the United Methodist Church in Greenfield, with Pastor Hugh Stone officiating. Organist was Janna Nelson, and vocalists were Ron and Sharon Elliott and Amy Sherman.

Pallbearers were Jack, Stephen, Amy and Andrew Sherman; Michael, Jonathan and Matthew Baker; Meghan McGrath; Kalyn and Paul Durr; Shawn, Kelly and Ryan McGrath; and Douglas and Sharon Leslie. Honorary bearers were Don Lynam, Dick Kuhl, Keith Bates, Eldon Cross, I. D. Baker, Roger Anderson, Jean Rutzler, Ray Forest Sherman, Jean Arner and Opal Thomas.

Interment was at Greenfield Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 29, 1919, in Greenfield to Clyde and Mable Kenworthy Welcher. He was a 1937 graduate of Greenfield High School.

He was married to Doris Bates Jan. 30, 1944. He began his lifelong career with Crooks Clothing in 1936 and later became owner of the business until his retirement in 1990.

He was a long-time member of the Greenfield Methodist Church and had served on several church committees. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star. He also was a member of the Greenfield Country Club, the IOOF and the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed by then-Gov. Robert Ray to serve on the State Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Dealers.

He had served as president of the Greenfield Independent School Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Greenfield Service Club and the Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Cynthia Sherman of Grinnell, Sarah Frasier of Rocklin, Calif., and Susan Baker of Fresno, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pauline Leslie.

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