

## Clair Wells

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Clair Wells, 72, of 1136 Summer St., Grinnell, died of a pulmonary embolism Thursday, Sept. 27, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers were James Agnew, Rodney Carlson, Marty Cummings, Donald Erquist, Wendall Kinnaird, Dennis Rankin, Gary Thompson and Arthur Wells. Honorary bearers were Lyle Beeler, Gerald Rankin, Donald Souter, Robert Souter, Jerry Van Ersvelde and Carl Wells.

Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart. Memorials may be made to Heritage Park and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Frank and Lela Beeler Wells, he was born Dec. 30, 1917, southwest of Malcom. He attended rural Poweshiek County schools. Following his education, he assisted his father with farming. He served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific theater from 1942 to 1945.

He was married to Opal Shaw May 12, 1945, in Newton. The couple farmed for 14 years, and in 1959 they moved to Grinnell where Mr. Wells worked at Grinnell College and, from 1963 to 1983, for the Malcom Stone Company. Following his retirement he worked part-time for the Grinnell Country Club and Kinnaird Trucking Company.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Rhea Osland of Laurel and Rhonda Wells of Malcom; two granddaughters; and one sister, Mary Jean Souter of Montezuma. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pauline Rankin.

## Correction WELLS

Because of incorrect information supplied by the funeral home, an obituary for Clair Wells, printed Oct. 1, misidentified the branch of the military service with which Mr. Wells served. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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