

H. W. Whitaker dies on Fourth

Harold W. Whitaker, 49, of the Oak Grove community, died of an apparent heart condition early Monday morning, July 4, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Services for Harold Whitaker were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, with Pastors Tom Good and David Pinkerton, of the Oak Grove Friends Church, officiating. Jan Pinkerton was organist, and pall bearers were Larry Criswell, John Dempster, Melvin Hartgers, Don Hudnutt, Brad Jones, and Don Latham.

Honorary pallbearers were William Belcher, Willie Laymiller, Warren Lincoln, Charles Lusher, Bernard Simmons, and Waylon Taylor. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Born in Oak Grove on Oct. 8, 1927, he was the son of Rolla and Agnes Esler Whitaker. He attended the local rural schools, and was graduated from Grinnell High School with

the class of 1945. During the Korean conflict he served in the army as Sgt. First Class, in communications. He was active in community and church affairs, and was a former director of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau, a member of the Poweshiek County 4-H fair board, a member of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, and a member of the Poweshiek County Pork Producers.

Mr. Whitaker married Violet Sadler at the Oak Grove Church, of which he was a member, in 1975.

He is survived by his wife; four children: Dennis, Ruth, Tom and Tim, all of Grinnell; three stepsons: Steve, Doug and Greg Sadler; his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Rolla J. Whitaker of Grinnell; and two sisters: Mrs. Lavein (Margaret) Morrison of Grinnell and Mrs. Tom (Doris) Lowry of Searsboro. He was preceded in death by a young son, Dale, in 1960.