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Thursday, September 21, 1967

Requiem Mass Said For J. B. Whitlatch

Requiem Low Mass was said at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at St. Mary's Catholic church in Grinnell for Joseph B. Whitlatch, who died Monday afternoon, Sept. 18, at Veterans hospital in Des Moines following an 11 month illness.

The Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich, pastor of the church, officiated at the service. Pallbearers were Marion Brown, Charles Dales, Roy Anderson, Ronald Heishman, Donald E. Wade, and James Hill.

Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery with W. K. Richardson, commander, Jack Day, chaplain, and members of Focht-Tennant Post #53 of the Grinnell American Legion Ceremonial Unit conducting the graveside rites.

The rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of John T. and Carrie Madson Whitlatch, Mr. Whitlatch was born Sept. 27, 1922, at Scottsburg, Ind. While still a boy, his family moved to a farm near Plano, Ill., where he received his early education.

During World War II, Mr. Whitlatch enlisted in the Army and served with Co. G of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He fought in the battles in Central Europe and the Rhineland. It was during the later stages of the war in Germany that he received the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Following his discharge, Mr. Whitlatch served as a journeyman molder for several foundries, including ten years with the Eagle Iron Works in Des Moines and, since 1964, with the Monarch Casting Co. in Grinnell.

Mr. Whitlatch was a member of the Focht-Tennant Post #53 of the Grinnell American Legion.

Survivors include his widow, the former Mary Streck; five children—Karen Ann and Pamela Whitlatch of Aurora, Ill., and Connie Mae Whitlatch, Mrs. David (Paula) Massengale and Clifford Joseph Whitlatch, all of Grinnell; one grandchild, Robert David Massengale; two brothers, John Whitlatch of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Howard Whitlatch of Sandwich, Ill.; and two sisters—Mrs. Michael (Mary Elizabeth) Beyer of Aurora, Ill., and Mrs. Floyd (Elna) Stevens of Paducah, Ky.

Mr. Whitlatch was preceded in death by his parents.