

John E. Winchell

John E. Winchell, 73, of Grinnell died Sunday, Dec. 31, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

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

Pallbearers were Dwight Asberry, Fred Baker, Doyle Burkett, Gene Burkett, Dick Clark, Jerry McGinnis and John Snakenburg. Honorary bearers were Carroll "Buzz" Dean, Hollis Elliott, Jerry Grosenbach, Dave Springer and Dick Van Draska.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Ralph R. and Hazel Garretson Winchell, he was born Nov. 16, 1922, on a farm south of Brooklyn. He later moved with his family to Malcom where he was raised and received his education. He worked with his father in the lime-hauling and oil business until his father's death in 1946.

He was married to Bernice A. Deppe in 1949 in Tipton. They made their home in Grinnell. Mr. Winchell was employed by Sumner Seed Co., harvesting and cleaning bluegrass seed. In 1961, the company was purchased by Rudy Patrick Seed, and Mr. Winchell continued as manager until 1970. He moved to St. Joseph, Mo., and was plant manager for Research Seed Co. He retired in 1980 and returned to Grinnell.

Surviving are his wife and one brother, Walter of Troy, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Merle "Gordy," Charles, Lloyd and Glen; and four sisters, Elizabeth Smith, Ella Mae Winchell, Edna Winchell and Wanda McGhghy.

A John E. Winchell Memorial Fund has been established.

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