

Merle Winchell

Merle "Gordy" Winchell, 69, of Grinnell died Wednesday, March 1, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Claussen, pastor of Woodlawn Christian Church in Lake City, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and soloist was John Claussen.

Pallbearers were Larry, Dennis, Ralph and Dick Winchell, Max Crawford Jr. and Mark Lauber. Honorary bearers were Fred Baker, Jim Evans, Randy German, Fred Johnson, Harry Smith, Bill Tunink and Jerry Winchell.

Veterans ceremonial rites were conducted by members of the Malcom American Legion Post, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Ralph R. and Hazel Garretson Winchell, he was born July 12, 1925, in Malcom. He was raised in Malcom and attended school there. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

On June 27, 1947, he was married to Doris V. Lauber in Grinnell. They lived in Malcom until moving to Grinnell in 1971. Mr. Winchell was employed by Malcom Farmers Cooperative Elevator and was a self-employed truck driver. He later was employed by the Maytag Co. in Newton, retiring in 1986.

Surviving are his wife; his children, Mike of Des Moines, Linda Winchell of Grinnell and Diane Criswell of Montezuma; four grandchildren; and two brothers, John of Grinnell and Walter of Troy, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Debra Lynn Winchell; three brothers, Charles, Lloyd, and Glen; and four sisters, Elizabeth Smith, Ella Mae Winchell, Edna Winchell and Wanda McGhghy.

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March 6, 1995

Merle 'Gordy' Winchell, 69

Gordy Winchell, 69, Grinnell, died March 1, 1995 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 1995 at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell. The Rev. John Claussen, Woodland Christian Church, Lake City, Ia., officiated the services. Organist was Margaret Wheeler and Rev. John Claussen was soloist with music selection of "Friends." Also given was a taped piano solo by Jessica Criswell. Pallbearers were Larry Winchell, Dennis Winchell, Ralph Winchell, Dick Winchell, Max Crawford Jr., and Mark Lauber. Honorary bearers were Fred Baker, Jim Evans, Randy German, Fred Johnson, Harry Smith, Bill Tunink, and Jerry Winchell. Veterans ceremonial rites were given by members of the Malcom American Legion Davis-Story Post #733. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

Gordy, the son of Ralph R. and Hazel Garretson Winchell, was born July 12, 1925 in Malcom, Iowa. He was raised in Malcom and attended school in the Malcom School District. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II.

He was married to Doris V. Lauber June 27, 1947, in Grinnell and the couple continued making their home in Malcom before moving to Grinnell in 1971. He was employed with the Malcom Farmer's Elevator and was a self-employed truck driver. He later was employed with the Maytag Company in Newton and retired in 1986.

Gordy enjoyed the outdoors and fishing and socializing with his family and friends. He was a fan of country music and held a passion for trading cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Debra Lynn Winchell in 1959; three brothers: Charles, Lloyd, and Glen Winchell; and four sisters: Elizabeth Smith, Ella Mae Winchell, Edna Winchell, and Wanda McGhghy.

Gordy is survived by his wife, Doris of Grinnell; his children: Mike of Des Moines; Linda Winchell, Grinnell; and Diane Criswell, Montezuma; four grandchildren: Michelle, Brad, Jessica, and Jeff Criswell, all of Montezuma; and two brothers: John Winchell, Grinnell and Walter Winchell, Troy, Kans.

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