

Virgil Taylor, 79

Virgil Taylor, 79, of Grinnell died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of congestive heart failure after a lengthy illness.

His body was cremated and no services are planned. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Virgil Taylor Memorial Fund. Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell is handling arrangements.

The son of Frank and Emily (Rutherford) Taylor, he was born Jan. 12, 1923, in Washington Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa. He attended rural school near his home and later attended Malcom High School. He was married to Rosemary Dee on June 9, 1945, in Newton. The couple lived in Cedar Rapids where he was employed with Snothorst

Truck Line and, later, Wilson Pack. He returned to Poweshiek and Jasper counties in 1948 and operated a grain and livestock farm and also performed custom farming work in the area. He moved to Grinnell in 1976 and was employed with Cessford Construction as a driver and, later, was employed with Miracle Equipment. He retired in 1996.

He enjoyed raising Black Angus cattle, driving and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary of Grinnell; one son, David Taylor of Coravillis, Ore.; and one sister, Virginia Miller of Grinnell.

His parents; one daughter, Susan Taylor; two brothers, William and Calvin Taylor; and two sisters, Fern Koger and Irene Fleener, preceded him in death.

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