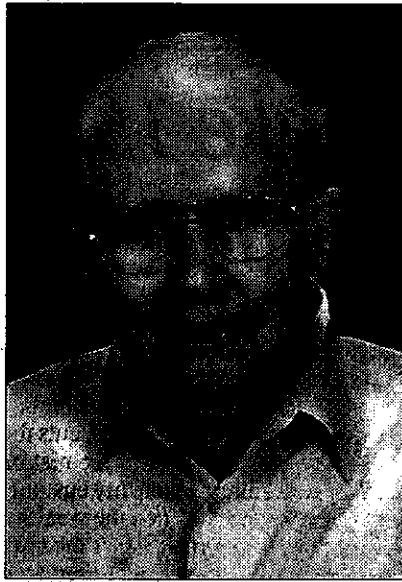


William L. 'Bill' Bloom Jr.



William L. "Bill" Bloom Jr., 90, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at the Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, in the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community in Grinnell with Rev. Christine Tinker and Rev. Robert Anderson officiating. Music will be provided by William Tinker, pianist, and Randy Jones, soloist. A second memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Osceola with Rev. Charles Downing officiating. A graveside service will be held 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at Maple Hill Cemetery in Osceola.

The Bloom family will be present one hour prior to the Grinnell service to greet friends, and they will host a luncheon in the church hall following the memorial service in Osceola.

Memorials may be directed to the Mayflower Community in Grinnell or to Biola University in La Mirada, Calif.

The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell and the Kale Funeral Home of Osceola are handling arrangements.

Bill was born Feb. 16, 1921, in Burlington, to William Leo Bloom Sr. and Marie Elizabeth Reed. He was raised in Burlington and graduated from Burlington High School with the Class of 1939. He also attended a few years of college.

On April 19, 1944, he was united in marriage with Gladys G. "Gertie" Lear in Burlington. He served with the U.S. Army until his discharge in 1946. The couple lived in Chicago, Milwaukee and Denver before moving to Osceola in 1985. He worked as an office manager for General Electric Medical Systems prior to retirement. The couple moved to the Mayflower Community in Grinnell in 2000.

Bill was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Rotary Club, the Osceola Chamber of Commerce and had served on the Osceola City Council, the Osceola Library Board and the Clarke County Development Corporation.

He is survived by two sons, James W. Bloom of El Sobrante, Calif., and John A. Bloom of La Mirada, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

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