He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion and was a Golden Eagle with the Grinnell Eagles Lodge. He is survived by his wife Sherrill of Grinnell; four daughters Vicki McKenna, Shelly Hanna and Angie Fleetwood of Grinnell and Joellyn Baarda of Kilduff; one son Craig Burnham of Grinnell; 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two brothers Wayne Burnham of Spencer and Russell Burnham of Kellogg and one sister, Carol Hudnutt of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charles and Richard Burnham and a sister in infancy.