Richard M. Cox

Richard M. Cox, 77, of Kellogg died Sunday, Sept. 14, at his home.

Funeral services for Richard Cox will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with burial in Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home. The family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.; a Masonic service will follow at 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Kellogg Fire Department.


A funeral service was held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Johnson, pastor of Carlisle Christian Church, officiating. Pall bearers were Brenda and Tony Aldrich, Denny Desplanque, Scott Dunsbergen, Chuck Griffith, Mike Patterson and Denny Stevenson. Honorary bearers were members of the Kellogg Fire Department and Ambulance. Burial was in Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Kellogg Fire Department.

The son of Edward and Gladys Fern Moore Cox, he was born Sept. 30, 1925, in Poweshiek County. He was raised in the Grinnell area and was a 1944 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was married to Colleen Curtis on Sept. 30, 1949, in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell prior to moving to Kellogg in 1958. He was employed with the Thermogas Co. for several years and then with the Kellogg Hardware store. He later was employed with Sears Roebuck as a service technician, retiring in the late 1980s. He was a member of the Kellogg Fire Department and Ambulance, Kellogg City Council, Kellogg/Newton Masonic Lodge and the 32nd degree Scottish Rite in Davenport.

He is survived by one son Rick Cox of Lynville; three daughters Linda Land of Johnston and Cindy Thompson and Vikki Sharp, both of Malcom; nine grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; two brothers, Ronald Cox of Gainesville, Mo., and Larry Cox of Grinnell and two sisters Sharon James of Clarkridge, Mo., and Sherry Roorda of Searsboro.