Gerald L. Henning, 66, of Grinnell died of heart failure Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at his home.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 8, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Morris Fricke, Aaron Henning, Jerry Dale Henning, Mark Matteson, Todd Schmidt and Justin White. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gerald L. Henning Memorial Fund.

The son of Carl and Eva Reynolds Henning, he was born May 31, 1937, in Jasper County near Prairie City. He was a 1956 graduate of Kellogg High School. He was married to Carol Anne Matteson on Nov. 9, 1956, in Kellogg and the couple made their home in Grinnell. He was employed for several years at Maytag and later Grinnell Implement prior to being employed as a mechanic with Clark Brink GMC Sales in Grinnell for 41 years, retiring in 2001.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sisters, Judy Norton and Ruth Henning, both of Kellogg, and Marcia White of Grinnell, and one brother, Virgil Henning of Madison, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two daughters, Melissa and Jane Henning; one brother Carl Henning Jr. and one sister Edith Luckey.