Junior W. Morrison, 79


His funeral service was Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Burr Bryant, pastor of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, officiating.

Pallbearers were Jim Failor, Bill and Bob Ford, Scott Jack, Ron Morrison and Daryl Morrison, Jr. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Willie and Cleo Warfield Morrison, he was born May 14, 1923, at his grandfather’s home in Jasper County. He was raised and educated in Poweshiek County. After his education, he farmed in Poweshiek County until 1957. He moved to Southern California and was employed as an auto mechanic and later worked for Borax Corporation. He returned to rural Grinnell in the fall of 1961 and owned and operated Morrison Welding Shop for several years, later employed as a heavy machinery operator. He retired in 1985.

He was married on Jan. 18, 1983, to Shelby Staats Gall in Las Vegas and the couple made their home in Ankeny prior to moving to Lake Ponderosa in 1989. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 234 and a charter member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Shelby of Montezuma; two daughters, Linda Conner of Oviedo, Fla., and Karen Ford of Grinnell; one son, Daryl Morrison of Grinnell; one stepson, John Gall of Bondurant; one sister, Juanita Davis of Grinnell; twelve grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Esty Jensen.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.