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Duane J. Phillips, 68



Duane Joel Phillips, 68, passed away Thursday, March 20, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell from a blood clot from a surgery two weeks prior.

His funeral service was Monday, March 24, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. George Salnave officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart with military honors by Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169.

Pall bearers were Robert Ogan, Jeff Hautekeete, Scott Phillips, Kevin Gunderson, Dave Smith and Dick Vogt.

Duane was born April 15, 1934, on a farm near Kellogg to Mildred (Wertz) Phillips and Milo (Mike) Phillips. He was the first of six children including Jackie Jr. Phillips (who died at birth), Lloyd Phillips of Knoxville; John Phillips, Helen Tuttle and Robert (Bob) Phillips of Mitchell, S.D. He grew up in the Searsboro area and graduated from Searsboro High School in 1952. After graduation, Duane worked at DeLong Jacket factory in Grinnell until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1956. He served in the Army from 1956 until 1958. He was stationed in Germany during his tenure in the military. After his discharge in 1959, he returned to work at the DeLong Jacket factory and went

to AIB (American Institute of Business) in Des Moines in the fall of 1959 earning his degree in 1961 in accounting. During this time he was also active in the Army Reserves.

He was united in marriage to Phyllis Ann Whisenand on Sept. 2, 1960. To this union, four children were born: Douglas Allen (April 13, 1962), Daniel Joel (May 28, 1963), Steven Edward (Jan. 21, 1966) and Katherine Joy (Sept. 12, 1969).

Duane was employed by the Pamco Corporation from 1961 until 1962, living in Oskaloosa and Gainesville, Ga. In 1962, they moved to Newton where he was employed by the Parson Corporation. In 1966, Duane and Phyllis moved to Montezuma where Duane was employed at Vannoy Chevrolet until he "retire" in 1996. Duane "came out" of retirement in 1998 when he worked for Plate Electronics in New Sharon. In 2000, he began working at Hy-Vee in Grinnell until his passing.

He had an innate love of the outdoors and animals. He also enjoyed fishing, photography and spending time with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his mother, Mildred; two brothers, Lloyd and Bob; three sons, ten grandchildren and many friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Milo, and his daughter, Katherine; his brother, John, and his sister, Helen.

Memorials may be given for the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation.