

William W. Phipps

William W. Phipps, 63, of Newton died Monday, March 10, 2003, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton of respiratory failure.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 12, at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. Officiating was James Olsen, pastor of Zoar Church, rural Newton. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery in rural Jasper County. Memorials to Hospice of Jasper County may be left at the funeral home.

He was born July 22, 1939, in Newton to Glen H. and Naomi Bleakney Phipps. He attended rural school in Rock Creek Township and graduated from Grinnell High School. He was a member of the United States Air Force.

He was married Sept. 10, 1960, in Unionville Mo., to Ruth F. Benton. He lived in the Quad Cities from 1972 until 1995 when he moved to Newton. He was a truck driver for Eagle Food Stores, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Moose Lodge #923, Malcom American Legion Post #733, Teamsters Local #371 and attended Zoar Church.

He is survived by two sons Bruce Johnson, Mingo, and Phillip Johnson of Reinbeck; one daughter Connie Lakin of Newton; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren.; four brothers, Jack Phipps, Richard Phipps and John Phipps, all of Rock Creek, and Jim Phipps of Newton. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth and one sister Ruth Ann.