Claire Simmons, 67, of Malcom died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of pneumonia.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 30, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Herb Knaudt, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, officiating. Organist was Kathy McCune and soloist was Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers were Jeffrey and Jennifer Ely, Larry Heishman, Larry Jones, Terry Kline and Brad, Lea, Mike and Todd Simmons. Honorary bearers were Lyle & Marilee Airey, Harold and Marilyn Fontinel, Leroy and Diane Foster, Earl and Elaine Heishman, Floyd and Janice Heishman, Laverne and Colleen Lidtka and Ed and Betty Wells. Flower attendants were Susanne and Randy Sedoris, Lori and Ken Madison and Tammy Jones. Burial was in Sheridan Cemetery, rural Poweshiek County, Iowa. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church in Tama and Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The son of George Washington and Esther (Heishman) Simmons, he was born Nov. 4, 1935, in Sheridan Township. He was a 1953 graduate of Grinnell High School and a 10-year veteran of the United States Army Reserve. He was married to Lola Luttman on Dec. 5, 1954, in Grinnell and the couple farmed in Sheridan Township.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Tama, Farm Bureau, Tama Eagles Lodge and Grinnell American Legion and Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Lola of Malcom; two sons, Duane of Keller, Texas and Jerry of Trophy Club, Texas; his mother-in-law, Emma Luttman of Grinnell; a daughter-in-law, Susan Standing of Thomasville, Georgia; one sister, Wilma Kline of Ames; one brother, Ronald Simmons of Corpus Christi, Texas; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

His parents; his son, Tony; his father-in-law, Lester Luttman; and a niece, Becky Kline, preceded him in death.

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