Robert L. Story, 72


His funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 9, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Allen, David and Roger Gregory and Kevin, Lawrence and Scott McNaul. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The son of Vaughn and Lodema (Griffin) Story, he was born Aug. 25, 1930, in Brooklyn. He was raised in Poweshiek County and later moved to Belle Plaine where he was a 1949 graduate of Belle Plaine High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during the Korean War and served on the U.S.S. Cavalier. He was married to Thelma Hardeman on March 30, 1956, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple farmed in Poweshiek County for several years prior to moving to a farm near Montour in 1961. He moved to Grinnell in 1974 and had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since Nov. 25, 2002. He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion and Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include four daughters, Debra Bailey of Mingo, Diane Cookson of Cedar Rapids, Ellen Ladely of Grinnell and Julie Hailer of Bolton, Ontario, Canada; two sons, Eugene and David Story, both of Grinnell; seventeen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His parents preceded him in death.


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