Richard L. Ulrey, 64

Richard L. Ulrey, 64, of Grinnell died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, at his home of cancer.

His funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Clausen, pastor of the Pleasantville Christian Church, officiating.

Honorary bearers were his 22 nieces and nephews.

The son of Michael T. and Urseldine Crocker Ulrey, he was born Sept. 6, 1939, in Iowa City. He was raised in Denver, Colo., for several years and later moved with his family to Newton. He was a 1957 graduate of Newton High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany. He was married to Jean Benson on Aug. 23, 1963, at Kellogg and the couple lived for several years in Kellogg, Newton, Lynnville and rural Grinnell. They moved to Montezuma in 1975 and to Grinnell in 1992. He was employed with Meisner Electric and Lockman Electric in Newton and later with Sieck Electric in Grinnell. He started his own business — Ulrey Electric — in 1987. He retired Jan. 1, 2003, after 45 years as an electrician.

He was a member of the Lost Dutchman Mining Association, Gold Prospectors Association of America, NRA, North American Fishing Club, Grinnell Eagles Lodge and the American Legion in Montezuma and Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of Grinnell; one son, Terry, of Grinnell; his mother, Urseldine of Newton; one sister, Patricia Winchell of Grinnell; three brothers, Mike, John and Virgil Ulrey, all of Newton; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and one son, Randy L. Ulrey.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Richard L. Ulrey Memorial Fund.