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David G. Cline



David was a family man, friend of many, and a stranger to none. He had a keen sense of humor and he was known to be ornery much of the time. He was very mechanically inclined and he could fix anything. His other enjoyments included spending time with his grandkids and teasing them, Iowa football, pestering Patti, and making sure there was always enough firewood.

David is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patti Cline of Tama; his children, Dr. David "Scottie" Cline of Minneapolis, Minn., Dana Palmer of DeWitt, and Drea Floyd of Montezuma; three grandchildren; his father, Manus Cline of Grinnell; and his siblings, Pauline DePauw of Brooklyn, Darlene Read of Brooklyn, Glen Cline of Tama, Mary Doyle of Toledo, Denise Kurovski of Ankeny, and Karen Renbarger of Grinnell.

David was preceded in death by his mother Ruth and his grandparents.

David G. Cline, age 65, of Tama died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Marshalltown Medical Center.

A funeral mass was held 10:30 Monday, Oct. 5, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama with the Rev. Michael Mescher and the Rev. Maynard Brothersen officiating. Interment with military rites was at Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Visitation with the family present was held at the church Sunday afternoon, and a scripture service will be held at 5 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be designated to the David G. Cline Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

David George Cline was born the son of Manus George Cline and Ruth Ann Smith Cline on April 11, 1944, in Grinnell, and was raised and educated in rural Tama.

He honorably served as a reciprocating airplane engine mechanic in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1967. He married Patti Brothersen on Sept. 5, 1964, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor, and the couple had three children: David Scott, Dana and Andrea. He began working as a truck technician for Bituminous Material and Supply Company in Tama in 1969 and continued to work there for 40 years until his death.