Jack Douglas

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Honorary bearers were the Grinnell Middle School staff. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Middle School for purchase of a memorial tree and a picnic table.

He was born Aug. 5, 1948, in Grinnell to Glen and Neola Hudson Douglas. He was raised in Gilman, Brooklyn and Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School. Following his education he worked for Sauder's D-X Service Station. In 1977 he began a career as custodian in the Grinnell-Newburg School System, working at Grinnell Middle School.

He was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his brothers, Robbie Douglas of Grinnell and Sam Keup of Dalyville, Ill., a nephew and nieces and great nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.
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Jack was born on Aug. 5, 1948, in Grinnell, to Glen and Neola Hudson Douglas. He was raised in Gilman, Brooklyn and Grinnell. He attended public schools and graduated from Grinnell High School. Following his education, he worked for Saunder's D-X Station. In 1977, he began his career as a custodian in the Grinnell Newburg School System and worked at the Middle School.

He was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and the Grinnell Eagles Lodge. His hobbies included gardening, fishing, cooking and camping. He was also an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

Survivors include his two brothers, Robbie Douglas of Grinnell, and Sam (Donna) Keup of Danville, Ill.; one nephew, Michael (Chanda) Keup; two nieces, Annette Baxter and Sarah (Yancey) Trovar; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.