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A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Grace Community Church in Grinnell with Rev. Dick Magstadt, pastor of the church, officiating. Piano was Teresa Thompson and vocalist was Dan Vande Krol. Casket bearers were Randy, Doyle, Doug, Scott, Greg, Dan and Brad Huysers and Todd Renaud. Interment was at the Sully Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements. Condolences to the family may be sent via www.smithfh.com.

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He married Ilma Mae Baarda on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1946, at her parent's home near Grinnell and the couple had two children, Gordon and Sheryl. They farmed near Sully and later moved to the Baarda family farm southwest of Grinnell. Ed enjoyed different occupations such as farming for 13 years, and owning and operating the Grinnell Truclkline. He also was a truck driver for Farm Service, C & K Transfer and North American Van Lines. Prior to his retirement he worked as a grounds foreman at Grinnell College. Throughout his retirement he volunteered his time at church camps, Meals-On-Wheels and was a part-time park ranger at Diamond Lake.

Ed was an active member of the Grace Community Church. He will be remembered as a faithful husband, a caring father and good neighbor and friend. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed being outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Ilma Huysers of Grinnell; his children, Gordon Huysers of Kilgore, Texas, and Sheryl Sherman of Camas, WA; two grandsons; four brothers, Vernon Huysers of Lynnville, Howard Huysers of Pella, Myron Huysers of Badger, and Gary Huysers of Hatton, MO; and one sister, Lynda Renaud of Sully.

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Memorials may be directed to the St. Francis Manor Foundation or to the Grace Community Church Mission Fund.
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