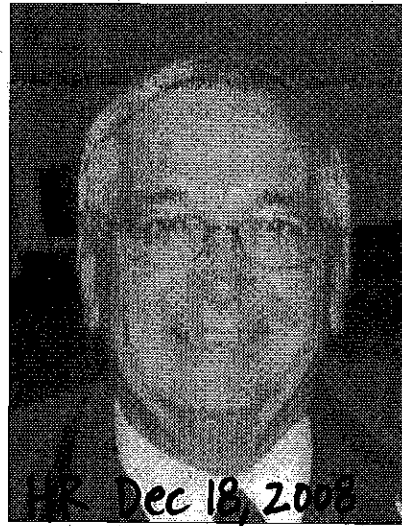# Gene Zell

He enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, hunting, and playing cards. He was also an avid Green Bay Packer fan and a Wisconsin Badger fan.

Survivors include his wife, Dee Dee Zell of Grinnell; one son, Todd Zell of Grinnell; and one daughter, Tonya Kuntz of Brooklyn. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gene Zell, 67, of Grinnell died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at his home.

A scripture service will be held Friday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Nick Adam, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist, and St. Mary's Choir. Honorary bearers will be members of the Grinnell American Legion, the Grinnell VFW and the Knights of Columbus. A graveside service will be held, Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the Kroghville Cemetery near Lake Mills, Wis.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Thursday beginning at 1 p.m. with family members present from 4 to 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Gene Zell Memorial Fund.

He was born July 10, 1941, in Wausau, Wis., to Isadore and Nina Plisch Zell. He was raised in Wausau where he graduated from high school. Following his education he served with the United States Army and later worked as an engineer for General Telephone Company in Sun Prairie, Wis.

On Sept. 13, 1980, he was united in marriage with Dorothy (Dee Dee) Duckert in Cottage Grove, Wis. The couple lived in Bloomington, Ill. and in 1987 they moved to Grinnell. He retired from General Telephone Company in 1993. Following his retirement he worked in the Grinnell area as a handyman with Tom Fitzgerald. Most recently he managed the Poweshiek County Veteran Affairs Office in Grinnell.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles Lodge, Oakland Acres Golf Course and the American Legion.