

William F. Lohse

Gr H-R 10-7-10



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A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Pallbearers were Dave Danforth, Paul Frascht, Dustin, Ryan and Tyrel Lohse and Jim, Joe and Wayne Wax. Honorary bearers were Gordon Ashby, Dean Douglas, Kenny Kramer, Richard Lohse and Jerry Reid.

Family burial will take place at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bill Lohse Memorial Fund.

He was born Dec. 16, 1937, in Anthon, Iowa, the son of Adolph and Lillian Zeglin Lohse. He grew up in Sioux City and Climbing Hill, Iowa, and was a graduate of Sioux City East High School. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was united in marriage with Sharon Rae Miller on Sept. 2, 1957, and they made their home in Springfield, Mo., Sioux City and Kansas City, Mo., while he was employed with the Kresge Department Store. In 1964 they moved to Grinnell where he operated the Ben Franklin store until 1967, after which he began working for the Maytag Company in its maintenance department, retiring after 25-plus years on May 31, 1992. During that time he also was employed on Saturdays at the Varsity News Stand.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, active in the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club and Grinnell Elks Lodge, and active in the Boy Scouts Explorers Post.

He is survived by his daughter and sons, Cindy Wax of Joliet, Ill., Dale Lohse and Kurt Lohse of Grinnell and David Lohse of Spirit Lake; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and three brothers, Charlie Lohse, Robert Lohse and one in infancy.

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Gr H-R 10-4-10

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Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. A family burial will be held at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bill Lohse Memorial Fund.

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While retired, Bill was very devoted to caring for his ailing wife, who was diagnosed with cancer, until her death in 1994. He also did small jobs as a handyman in the Grinnell area. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was active with the Knights of Columbus, and enjoyed working the chili suppers and fish fries. He was also a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club and Elks Lodge and was very active with the Boy Scouts and Explorer's Post.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and was always interested in his family's activities. He was considered independent and strong-willed, yet laid back. He loved to socialize with family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, and golfing and was active in several leagues. He also enjoyed woodworking, playing cribbage, and working in his vegetable garden. He could prepare a variety of menus with his home-raised tomatoes and was considered a good cook. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Survivors include four children, Cindy (Wayne) Wax of Joliet, Ill., Dale and Kurt of Grinnell, and David (Michelle) of Spirit Lake; eight grandchildren, Nicole (Brian) Poling, Joseph (Maggie) Wax, Dustin, Jennifer, Tyrel, Ryan, Kayla, and Eric Lohse; and three great-grandchildren, Alexander and Brian Poling and Sebastian Wax.

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