Alfred "Red" Steen


A celebration of life service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Michael Cooper, pastor of Lynville Church of God, officiating.

Visitation will be held Monday from 2 until 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to Windsor Manor. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.


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Pallbearers were his grandsons Marty James, Matt James, Jack Steen, Tom Tish II, Tony Tish and Mark Doll.

Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery, rural Montezuma.

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He was born, the son of Aaron and Aletha Marie Robinson Steen, on Sept. 2, 1918, in Ringsted, Iowa. He was a 1938 graduate of Searsboro High School. He was united in marriage with Paula Louise Johnson by the Rev. Myrtle C. Lee on Feb. 14, 1940, in Searsboro. They farmed near South Amana, Guernsey, Grinnell, and then for 20 years in the Searsboro area. He was a life-long member of Searsboro Community Friends Church, and also was a member of World Gospel Mission and Iowa Holiness Association.

He is survived by his daughters and son, Karen Tish of Leavenworth Kan., Dianne James of Lynnville, and Larry Steen of Webster; 12 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and his brother, Donald Dillon of Cedar Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Paula; and his siblings, William Steen, Hazel Miller, Robert Steen, Raymond Dillon, Earl Dillon and Alvin Steen.
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His spirit lives on through his children, Karen (Tom) Tish of Leavenworth, Kan., Dianne (Roy) James of Lynnville, and Larry (Julie) Steen of Webster; 12 grandchildren, Tony (Lori) Tish, Tom II (Dessina) Tish, Teri Tish, Melissa (Mark) Doll, Melanie (Jim) Stielow, Monica (Torry) Cullen, Marty James, Matt (Lisa) James, Jack (Christina) Steen, Jordan Steen, Jessica Steen and Jennifer Steen; 25 great grandchildren; his brother, Donald Dillon of Cedar Rapids; and his sister-in-law, Cornelia Johnson of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Paula on June 2, 1999; and his siblings, William Steen, Hazel Miller, Robert Steen, Raymond Dillon, Earl Dillon, and Alvin Steen.
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