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Memorials can be designated to the Warren Weaver Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Proceeds will benefit the boys baseball and girls softball little league programs in Grinnell and Gilman. Memorials and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfuneral.com.

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He was united in marriage with Rosemary Davis on Nov. 18, 1963, at the United Methodist Church in Maryville, Mo. The couple lived and farmed near Gilman and later moved to the Chester Township, where they raised their children and farmed. He drove a semi for Gene Campbell’s C&K Transfer, Haworth Trucking, and for Jeld-Wen Windows and Doors.

Warren was a lifelong baseball fan — playing as a youngster at country school and at the Chester Church Youth Group, and as an adult, playing and coaching fast pitch softball. He closely followed the Chicago Cubs, Iowa Hawkeyes, and Grinnell Tigers; enjoyed league bowling, card games, Canadian fishing trips, reunions of the GHS class of 1957 and swapping stories; and took great pride in his children and grandchildren.

Warren is survived by his wife of 47 years, Rosemary Weaver of Grinnell; three children, Scott Weaver of Raleigh, N.C., Angela Rau of Belle Plaine, and Robin Isaacson of Hoxie; five grandchildren; and his siblings, Fred Weaver, Jr. of Grinnell, Dolores Harrison of Tucson, Ariz., Marilyn Merkel of Plano, Texas, and Roger Weaver of Williamsburg.

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