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Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning 12 noon on Tuesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Jim was born on June 6, 1938, in Cherokee, to James and Charlotte McFadden Booth. He was raised in Cherokee and graduated from Washington High School in Cherokee with the Class of 1958. On Nov. 12, 1958, he entered the United States Air Force and served until November of 1968.

On Aug. 29, 1964, he was married Gladys Zitterich in Estherville. The couple lived in New Mexico, Alaska and North Dakota before moving to Newburg in 1969. He spent over 11 years with the Newton Police Department and served in various departments. He later worked as a security officer for the Veterans Hospital in Knoxville and as chief of security for the water and hospital in Grand Island, Neb. The family moved to Grinnell in 1989 and he has resided at the Mayflower Health Care Center due to poor health for the past six years.

He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church, the American Legion, the Odd Fellows Lodge and he was involved with Boy Scouts. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, oil painting, reading and following the Dallas Cowboys and their cheerleading squad.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Booth of Grinnell; three sons, Jim Booth of Ankeny, John Booth of Grinnell and Jason Booth of Quantico, Va.; six grandchildren; one brother, LeRoy Booth of Spencer; and one sister, Joyce Sunkenberg of Mesa, Ariz.

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