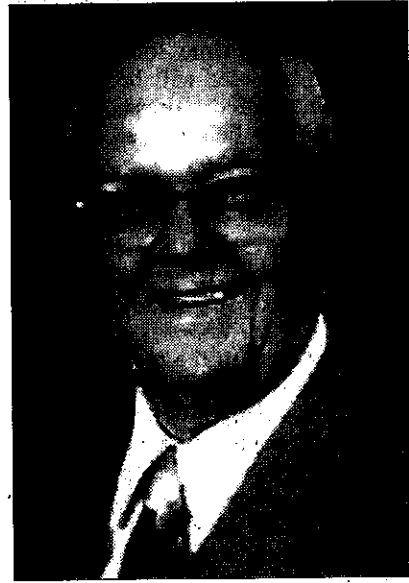


Robert Lee Ashman



Robert 'Bob' L. Ashman, 83, of Urbandale and formerly of E. Dubuque, Ill., died Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the Senior Suites, Urbandale, surrounded by his family. There will be no visitation or funeral service per his request.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to the Hospice of Central Iowa in Robert's name.

Bob was born on Sept. 11, 1928 in Dysart to William and Ethel Foster Ashman. He was a 1946 graduate of Cedar High School. In 1948, he married Betty Ann Randell and they had two children. He was drafted into the Army and served during the Korean War.

In the early 60s, he joined Thermogas Co. and was manager at several locations throughout the state until his retirement.

In 1980, he married Martha V. Castellano and they enjoyed life cruising the Mississippi River on their houseboat with many friends and family. In his retirement years, he and Martha enjoyed driving throughout the United States for Dubuque-area car dealerships.

Bob is survived by his wife of 31 years, Martha; his daughter, Leigh Ann Meacham, Grinnell; three stepchildren, Ron Castellano, Aurora, Colo.; Martha Rossow, Adel, and Roxana Myers, Des Moines; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren; one brother, Bill of Oskaloosa and one sister, Wilda Current, Indianola; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Randy; two brothers, Gordon Ashman and Brice Ashman; stepson Carlos Castellano; and one granddaughter.

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