

William H. Noel, Jr., 75, of Grinnell died at his home, April 5, 2012. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Pastor Keith Morrison, Grinnell Regional Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Pallbearers will be Ken DeVries, James Duke, Jack Fair, Chip Gibson, Jeff Jennings and Jerry McKinney. Honorary bearers will be Josh, Kirk and Scott Banzhaf, John Thomas, Dennis Whannel and the late Bill Banzhaf. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be held two hours prior to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Bill was born on March 26, 1937, in Grinnell, the son of William and Helen Fleming Noel, Sr. He was raised in Grinnell and was a graduate of Grinnell High School. He later attended the University of Iowa.

On June 16, 1957, he was united in marriage with Judith Louise Browning. The couple had four children. After their divorce, he married Jackie Fingelson March 5, 1988, in Nora Springs.

He worked for various radio stations and newspapers then was employed for over 30 years as a yellow page salesman for AT&T/N.W. Bell in Davenport.

He held a passion for playing fastpitch softball and for many years played as a pitcher. For his outstanding play he was inducted into the Iowa Fast-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and especially loved the trout streams of N.E. Iowa. He moved to Lake Thunderhead in Unionville, Mo., where he spent his retirement fishing.

Survivors include three children, Bradley Noel of Eldridge, and Mindy Noel Clark and Susan Noel Yarolem of Davenport; three granddaughters; one sister, Lynn Banzhaf of Marshalltown; four nephews; one niece; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jackie; and one son, David.