Milo (Mike) Franklin Allison

Milo (Mike) Franklin Allison, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, passed away Thursday May 24th at the age of 81. Milo was cremated and a private burial with family will be held at a later date.

He was born in Albia, Iowa, on December 4, 1930, the son of Wesley & Osie (Majors) Allison. He attended school in Albia. Milo was drafted into the United States Army and served in the Korean War where he was honorably discharged. Milo was united in marriage to Mable (Vaughn) and to this union six children were born. Milo was united in marriage to Imogene Coates in Minnesota. Four stepchildren were united into this family.

Milo worked at Maytag in Newton, Iowa, Fisher Governor in Marshalltown and Grinnell College while his children were growing up. Later he went on to own a bar and then moved to Minnesota where he did maintenance in a nursing home. The couple moved back to Iowa to retire, where they lived in What Cheer, Iowa, and then settling in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Milo was a friendly outgoing man that never knew a stranger. He was great carpenter, plumber, electrician and mason. He always knew how to get the job done. He was a simple man with a wealth of knowledge. He loved fishing, working in the yard, going for long drives, playing cards and having a drink with friends.

Milo is survived by his wife Imogene; six children Judith (Walt) Des Planque; Michael (Sharon) Allison, Kathy (Mike) VanTomme, Jeffrey Allison, Doug Allison, Penny (Dave Hoksbergen) Rasmusson; four stepchildren, Debbie (Jerry) Harger, Jimmy, Billy and Tim Coates; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; a brother, Richard (Bonnie) Allison of Des Moines, Iowa; and a sister, Dorothy Trotter, Newton, Iowa.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Eagles Lodge, 616 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, Friday, June 1, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be left Friday at the Eagles, luncheon, or may be directed to the Allison family at 1310 E 10th St S., Newton, Iowa 50208.

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