Rex Kirby

Rex Kirby, 86, of Newburg died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment will be at the Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Rex was born Oct. 26, 1926, near Gilman, the son of Joe and Alma Weaver Kirby. He was raised in the Gilman area and attended school there.

On Sept. 1, 1948, he was united in marriage with Mary Ann Cook in Leon and the couple made their home in Newburg. He was employed for many years with Cargill in Grinnell and retired in 1992. He then worked part-time as a night watchman at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company for 10 years.

Rex attended the Hickory Grove Church, rural Newburg, and was an active member of the Odd Fellows in Grinnell.

He enjoyed watching sports, particularly baseball, and playing card games with family and friends. He also enjoyed the outdoors, bird-feeding and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; Newburg; three children, Connie Kirby of Stillwater, Okla., Dianne Loosmore of Lynden, Wash., and Steve Kirby of Grinnell; one sister, Phyllis Graham of Grinnell; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Gerald, Bernal and Dennis Kirby; and three sisters, Marvel Adams, Muriel Phipps and Wanda Gray.