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Obituaries/Community

Robert B. Kline, 67

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A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pianist was Lorna Lang and vocalists were Lori Olson, Tammy Johnson, Beth Stephas and Nicole Moffitt. Casket bearers were Larry Kline, Dustin Smith, Jim and Todd Parker, Bob Lapsley, Lanny Broders and Sam Reaves. Honorary bearers were Keith and Gary Kline, Gene Broders, Harvey Martindale, Jerry Grosenbach, Doug See, Bill Beeler, and Rick Cartee. Interment was at the Sheridan Cemetery near Grinnell.

Robert was born on Sept. 5, 1941, in Moline, Ill., to Lavene and Winifred Beeler Kline. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1960.

On June 8, 1963, he was married to Barbara Broders in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm southeast of Grinnell from 1963 to 1984. Most recently, he was employed by the Kline Trucking Company of Montezuma.

Bob was a member of the Good Guys Car Club and the Grinnell

Christian Church. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and was a man of great integrity. His hobbies included driving his truck throughout the country, cruising in his "57" Chevy, and raising Simmental cattle.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Kline of Grinnell; one son, Larry (Lisa) Kline of Montezuma; one daughter, Deb (Dustin) Smith of Eagle Grove; and three grandchildren, Kayla Johnson, Ryan Smith, and Kolton Kline.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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