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Gene Oliver 10-1-2012



Gene Oliver, 70, of Grinnell, died on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. John Epperson officiating. Casket bearers will be Jeremy Goeke, Phil Arnold, Zach Rocha, Jeff Oliver, T.J. Pinkerton and Alix Garza. Honorary bearer will be Cpl. Jaremy Schwarting USMC. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Wednesday and the family will be present from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Gene was born on May 28, 1942, in Grinnell to Denvil and Doris Curtis Oliver Sr. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1960.

He was employed at various jobs in Marengo and Grinnell before joining the Donaldson Company. He worked as a welder at Donaldson's for 35 years.

Gene was united in marriage with Helen Harriman-Oliver on Sept. 5, 2004 in Grinnell.

He enjoyed operating his ham radio; playing bass in local bands and community events; collecting Mickey Mouse memorabilia; model railroading; studying American history and feeding birds and squirrels in his yard.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Harriman-Oliver of Grinnell; his children, Sherri Garza of Dallas, Texas, Bryan Oliver of Newburg, Krista Oliver of Des Moines and Rebecca Goeke of Malcom; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Thomas Oliver; one brother, Denvil Oliver Jr.; and one sister, Linda Galloway.