Dale L. Saunders, Sr., 75, of Newton and formerly of Grinnell, died Thursday, May 2, 2013, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 9, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton.

The family will greet friends from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 8; at the funeral home.

Memorials to Skiff Hospice may be left at the funeral home. Memorials may also be mailed to the funeral home, please add Attn: Saunders Family on the envelope.

Dale, the son of Raymond and Harriett Taylor Saunders, was born May 3, 1937, in Grinnell. He was a graduate of Marshalltown High School, with the Class of 1955.

On Nov. 10, 1957, Dale was united in marriage with Darlene Jones in Grinnell. He was married to the love of his life for 55 years. Dale was a graduate of Marshalltown High School, Class of 1955. He was married to the love of his life for 55 years. Dale was a graduate of Marshalltown High School, Class of 1955.

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Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Dee; son, Tim Saunders of Newton; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his two brothers, Richard Saunders of Grinnell and Kenneth "Pepper" Saunders of Marshalltown, and his sister, Kay Eke of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dale L. "Dudley" Saunders, Jr.; one grandson; Addie Samson; and two brothers, Charles and Raymond Saunders.