Harry E. Simpson, 68 of Brooklyn, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the New Beginnings Church, Brooklyn, with Pastor Justin Wetering officiating. The family will receive friends from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Kloster Funeral Home, Grinnell. Memorial fund has been established.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

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Harry was survived by his wife Kathy Simpson; four daughters, Machelle Simpson (Mike Lovell) of Clive, Crystal Ondorff (Phillip) of Carlisle, Jodi Simpson of Brooklyn, and April Austin (Nathan) of Sweeney, Texas; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and a brother Walter Simpson.

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