Dean Douglas, 80, of Grinnell 
died July 29, 2014, at Grinnell 
Regional Medical Center. 
A funeral service was held at 10:30 
am., Friday, Aug. 1, at the Smith 
Funeral Home in Grinnell with 
the Rev. Orlan Mitchell of Grinnell 
officiating. Honorary bearers were 
Bill Bennett, Dick Douglas, Larry Goodrich, Roger 
Mason, Bud Pease and Paul Peiffer. Burial will be held 
at a later date at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. 
Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell 
Regional Hospice or Wounded Warrior Project. 
Dean was born Dec. 17, 1933, on a farm near Malcom, 
the son of Emmett Dean and Gladys Vivian Kenyon 
Douglas. He was raised in the Malcom area and was a 
1951 graduate of Malcom High School. He was a veteran 
of the United States Marine Corps from 1953 until 1956. 
After his discharge, with the rank of Sergeant, he traveled 
for the Rock Island Railroad for several years. 
On Jan. 9, 1960, he was united in marriage with Barbara 
Sutten, in Morrison, Ill. In 1961, he began working for 
his father-in-law at Sutten Service Station in Newburg. 
The business was later sold to Gulf Oil Company in 1968 
and he continued his employment with them until 1973. He 
then became a realtor and started Dean Douglas 
Realty in Grinnell, where he was also active in many 
community business organizations. In 1984, he began 
employment with Grinnell College and he retired as 
the college post office manager in 1998. While there, he 
particularly enjoyed his college employment working 
with the international students. For 15 years, he enjoyed 
wintering in Texas. 
Dean was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge, 
Grinnell Eagles Club, Grinnell Lions Club, Grinnell 
Jaycees, Izaak Walton League and a member of the 
Newburg American Legion for over 50 years. While 
In Texas, he was a member of the Southern Comfort 
Bicycle Club. 
Dean was a good man and loved his family dearly! 
He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting, 
bicycling, boating, water skiing and camping. He was 
an avid reader of western-themed books and enjoyed 
listening to country music, especially songs by George 
Jones, whom he got to know while serving together in the 
Marine Corps. 
Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Grinnell; two 
children, Julie (Ed) Austin of Cedarburg, Wis., and 
Scott (Kerry) Douglas of Dubuque; five grandchildren, 
Brady (Christina) Austin of Grafton, Wis., Trevor and 
Toby Austin, both of Verona, Wis., Baxter Austin of 
Cedarburg and Samantha Hulet of Granville, Ill.; one 
great-grandson, Julian Austin of Grafton; and several 
nieces and nephews, including Dick Douglas. 
He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, 
Richard Douglas; and one sister, Charlotte Fleener.