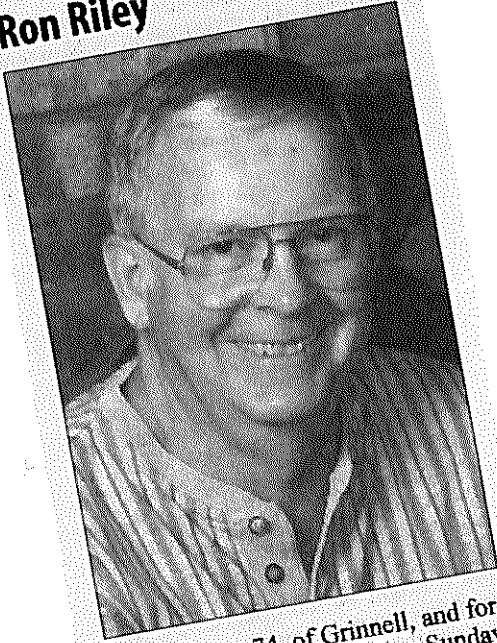


Ron Riley



Ron Riley, 74, of Grinnell, and formerly of Mt. Pleasant, died on Sunday, June 22, 2014, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A celebration of his life was held Friday, June 27, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Shriners Hospital and mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Ron was born the son of George and Neva Mae Wobbe Riley on July 8, 1939, in Mt. Union, Iowa. He was raised near Mt. Pleasant and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1957. He then attended Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University, in Kirksville, Mo.

Ron served in the United States Navy and was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Ranger prior to the Vietnam War. He moved to Grinnell in 1967, and was employed by International Harvester. In 1984, he met Katie Fillmore, and after 30 years together they were united in marriage in 2014. In February of 1987, he began working for Maytag in Newton and retired in December of 2002.

Ron was an outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and boating, and was also a big race car fan and an avid photographer. His other enjoyments included woodworking, making model airplanes, parachuting, and listening to old country music.

Ron is survived by his wife, Katie Fillmore of Grinnell; six step-children, Barb Snodgrass, Jeff Lanser, Kim Hood, Deb Moioffer, David Fillmore and Shawn Fillmore; 10 step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; and siblings, Peggy Hayes, Phyllis McGohan and Terry Riley.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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