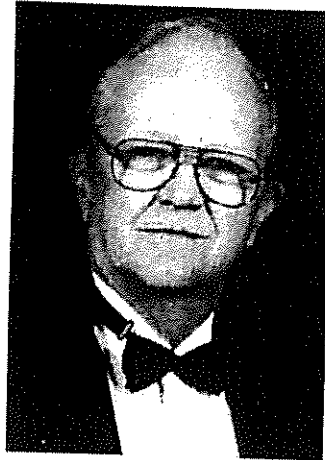


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Laverne Hanssen



Laverne Hanssen, 77, of Grinnell died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at St. Francis Manor.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell with Diane Eberhart officiating. Music will be provided by Kathleen Heffner and Eberhart. A private interment will be at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell from noon to 8 p.m. on Monday; the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m.

Born Feb. 17, 1929, in Grinnell, he was the son of Delmar and Dorothy Morrison Hanssen. He was raised in Malcom and graduated from Malcom High School with the class of 1946.

On Aug. 6, 1950, he married Barbara Reeves in Grinnell. The family farmed near Malcom and he served with the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1953. In 1959, the family moved to Grinnell, where he owned and operated Hanssen Photography on Fourth

Ave. In the early 1990s, he sold the business to Cory Hall.

He was a member of the Malcom American Legion, the American Photographer's Association and the Masonic Lodge of Grinnell. He enjoyed woodworking, building model airplanes, world travel, his grandsons and his pet dogs, Duster and Teddy.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Lynnda Risting of Grinnell; two grandsons; and a sister, Kathy Graft of Irving, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.