A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Newton. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service and again after the service with a coffee at the funeral home. His ashes will be spread at the Kellogg, Iowa, and Bainville, Mont., farms at a later date.

Memorials may be designated to Kellogg Fire and Ambulance or MDS (Myelodysplastic syndrome, Marrow Donor Programs) Research or a memorial of the donor's choice.

He was born Nov. 15, 1937, in Wolf Point, Mont., to George and Julia Tininenko. He attended school at Sheyenne River Academy, Harvey, N.D., and Union College, in Lincoln, Neb. He married his wife, Barbara Ann, at the United Methodist Church in Kellogg, Aug. 28, 1960, after they met on a blind date in Des Moines. They made their home in Williston, N.D., where they lived for 40 years.

Ray worked at George Young Construction, Des Moines, and Jacobsen Construction and Zapara Construction in Williston, N.D., and was a lifelong farmer and rancher northeast of Bainville, Mont. He commuted 1,000 miles each way from his house in Iowa to his land in Montana to be able to take care of both farms. He loved country music, and was also a closet musician who was accomplished on the harmonica, guitar, and organ.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barbara Ann Tininenko, Kellogg; children Brent Tininenko of Bentonville, Ark., and Roxane Sipe of Rosemount, Minn.; six grandchildren; one brother, David Tininenko of Mesa, Ariz.; and two sisters, Mary White of Williston, N.D., and Marti Edwards of Antioch, Calif.