

Richard H. Watkins



Richard H. Watkins, 83, of Malcom, died on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at the Grinnell Health Care Center.

A family prayer service will be held on Saturday, June 27, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Keith Morrison of Grinnell Regional Hospice officiating. A flag presentation will be conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Richard was born on June 24, 1931, in Grinnell to Howard and Tilla Rutherford Watkins. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1949. Following his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served at the Naval Communication Station in Pearl Harbor and on the U.S.S. Frontier. After his discharge from the Navy he returned to Grinnell and worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier for 30 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post in Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife, Johanna Watkins of Malcom, as well as his adult children, grandchildren, great and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his former wife, Jolene Prather Watkins. 6-25-2015

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