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## Loren Oliver Bell

Loren Oliver Bell, 81, formerly of this area, died July 24, 2015. Dickey Mortuary in Fontana, Calif., was in charge of the arrangements.

He was born in Grinnell on Dec. 8, 1933, the son of Clarence Virgil Bell and Helen Mae Pearce Bell. Loren was raised in Malcom and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1951. In 1953 he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he reached the rank of Staff Sergeant.

After his time in the Air Force, Loren began his 28-year career with the Hughes Aircraft Company as a quality engineer. Following his retirement from Hughes Aircraft in 1989, he began buying and managing property rentals. He subsequently started his final career with J.B. Hunt Transportation in the early 1990s as a truck driver, and retired in 2002.

Throughout his life, Loren took an interest in many hobbies, including

traveling, fixing cars, boating and flying, and the latter in which he received a private pilot license. He also enjoyed listening to jazz music, watching football, baseball and motorcycle and car racing.

Loren is survived by his brother, Larry Bell; his four children, Rebecca Shepard, Jana Benton, Rita Haerr, and Andrew Bell; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Gerald, Donald, and Howard Bell; and his son, Greg Bell.