Gerald ‘Pete’ Cline

A funeral service for Gerald “Pete” Cline, 88 of Grinnell, was held 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 20, 2015, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Casket Bearers were Peter Cline, Nick Smith, Tyler Smith, Ryan Latham, Dylan Latham, Matthew Cline, Nathan Cline and Shaun Kriegel. Honorary Bearers were Amy Levang, Lori Schoh, Lisa Brobst and Michelle Latham. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A luncheon reception was hosted by the family at the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

Should friends desire, memorials may be direct to the Grinnell Regional Hospice and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Gerald “Pete” Cline was born on Tuesday, July 12, 1927, in Exline, Iowa, to James and Lettie Lawson Cline. He grew up in Exline and graduated from Exline High School with the Class of 1944.

On December 26, 1946, he was married to Kathleen Vaughn in Centerville, Iowa. The couple lived in Grinnell and he worked for the Grinnell Shoe Company. Later, he spent 39 years of his life with the Maytag Company in Newton. Following his retirement, he worked for the Brenton Bank. He was a dedicated member of the IOOF Lodge and the Eagles Club of Grinnell.

Pete was a skilled woodworker and built the family home additions, enjoyed fishing and trips to Canada, gardening, crossword puzzles, camping, wintering in Texas and daily coffee with his friends. He dedicated his life to his family and will be remembered for his gentle kind spirit.

Survivors include his children, Terry (Lynn) Cline of Grinnell, Pam (Duane) McDonald of Grinnell, Randy Cline of Grinnell, Patry (Randy) Smith of Coralville, IA, Cindy (Chad) Hauser of Grinnell and Michael Cline of Farmington, MN; 12 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one brother, Ronald Cline of Moline, Illinois.

Pete died on Sunday, August 16, 2015 surrounded by his family at his home in Grinnell. He was 88 years of age, and he was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; five brothers, Marvin, Walter, Lawrence, Robert and Theodore; three sisters, Mary, Melinda and Doris; and one granddaughter, Terri Lynn Cline.