

GRINNELL RESIDENT

James R. Wisecarver, 82

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A celebration of life service with military honors was held Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson officiating. A private family interment will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Visitation was on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from that evening. Memorial contribu-

tions may be designated to PALS (Poweshiek Animal League Shelter) and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared online with the family at www.smithfh.com.

James Ray Wisecarver was born the son of Clarence and Gladys (Murphy) Wisecarver on March 15, 1933, in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Malcom and attended Country School #9 near Malcom. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1950.

Jim honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Ri-

ley in Kansas. Upon honorable discharge, he returned back home and began farming with his uncles, Harold and Raymond.

Jim was united in marriage to Harriett Louise Martens on July 28, 1957, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. The couple was blessed with three children, Michael, Krisanne and Sara. They lived near Malcom on the family farm, where they operated a grain and livestock operation. Jim served on the boards of the Malcom Coop and the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Malcom. He served in leadership roles on both boards.

Jim was a family man and thoroughly enjoyed farm life. Although farm life was very demanding

his children always remember he made time to play ball and attend their school events. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and also enjoyed watching NASCAR races, especially cheering on Dale Earnhart, Sr. and Dale Earnhart, Jr. His other enjoyments included gardening, attending sports activities, trips to Florida and Missouri as well as the companionship of his dogs.

Jim is survived by his wife of 58 years, Harriett Wisecarver of Grinnell; son, Michael (Tina) Wisecarver of Bowling Green, Missouri; two daughters, Krisanne (Michael) Calhoun of West Des Moines and Sara (Larry) Leftwich of Maitland, Florida; 8 grandchildren, Gavin, Arikah, Briahna, Austen, Kahri, Kiersi, Jack, Josie; and his favorite pal, Buffy.

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