Willis Snook, 88 of Grinnell, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, January 23, 2016 at Windsor Manor in Grinnell. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation will begin after 12 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016 with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell or the Grinnell Regional Hospice. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Willis Lester Snook, the son of Lester and Eva Tish Snook was born on November 21, 1927 northeast of Montezuma. He attended several area country schools before graduating from Montezuma High School. Willis enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged in 1946. On February 26, 1950, Willis was united in marriage to Phyllis Huffman. To this union one son was born, Dennis. Willis held several jobs that included, working construction, working on the gas pipeline, Raleigh Products and running the Texaco Gas Station before beginning his career with the Iowa Department of Transportation in 1953. Willis was the area supervisor for the Iowa DOT before retiring in 1987 after 34 years of service.

Willis loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a member of the St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell and a former member of the Odd Fellows, the Elks Lodge and the Eagles Lodge in Grinnell. He is survived by his son, Dennis Snook of Grinnell; one granddaughter; two great grandchildren; seven siblings, Gladys Arthur of Pella, Francis Schiller of Orion, IL., Betty Van Dee of Montezuma, Donald Snook of Grinnell, Eldon Snook of Grinnell, Keith Snook of Parachute, Colo., and Roy Snook of Parachute, Colo.; and other relations.

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