Daniel Ray Henely

Daniel Ray Henely, 76, of Grinnell died April 5, 2016, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ayrshire, Iowa, with the Rev. Curran, pastor of the church, officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date at the Ayrshire Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ray Henely Memorial Fund.

Ray was born June 3, 1939, in West Bend, Iowa, one of 18 children of John Lee and Gladys Cox Henely. He was raised in the Ayrshire area and was a 1958 graduate of Ayrshire High School. Following high school, he began a career that spanned 30-plus years with GTE.

He was a veteran of the United States Army National Guard.


Ray enjoyed camping, fishing and working outdoors. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye Football fan and was proud to have earned his private pilot's license.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, three daughters, Sandy Brock of Storm Lake, Becky Thorkelson of Minnetonka, Minn., and Danielle Henely of Woodbury, Minn.; two grandchildren; and five brothers and five sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, four brothers and three sisters.