Friends called at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell on Monday with the family present at the funeral home on Monday evening.
Memorials may be directed to either Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to PALS and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Allen was born on May 22, 1944, in Montezuma, Iowa, to Ray and Irene Van Cleave Thompson. He attended school in Montezuma and worked as a farmhand for area farms.
Allen was married to Janet Johnston and to this union was born five children, Debby, Teresa, Daniel, Lynda, and Michael. The family lived in Montezuma and he worked as a welder for the Farmhand Company and the H & W Brand Company in Grinnell.

On June 6, 2002, he was married to Ellen Schultz Jack in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, gardening and participating in Truck Pull events.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Thompson of Grinnell; five children, Debbie Tallent of Brooklyn, Teresa (Kevin) Herscherber of West Des Moines, Donald (Heidi) Thompson of Grinnell, Lynda (Matt) Elender of Newton and Mike (Erin) Thompson of Glidden; four stepchildren, Cindy Olson, Robert Schultz and Doug (Erika) Jack, all of Grinnell and Jeff (Lisa) Jack of Los Angeles, CA; 15 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; one sister, Carolyn (Dick) Parkman of Jupiter, Florida; and three brothers, John (Twila) Thompson of Montezuma, Ron (Kathy) Thompson and Darin Thompson, both of New Sharon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Donald Thompson; and one great granddaughter.