Isaac ‘Bob’ Jones

7-28-2016

Isaac James 84, of Grinnell, died peacefully from cancer at his home on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit provided military honors. Casket Bears were Michael Fleming, Nicholas Fleming, Isaac Fleming, Eric Teater, Jake Whitlow and Michael Whitlow. Honorary Bears were Elijah Jones, Chelsy Jones, Chelsie Senf, Nichole Moore and Brittaney Baker. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends called at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday and the family was present at the funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

Isaac was born to Harold and Ruth Hartley Jones on May 3, 1932, in Centerville, Iowa. He was the oldest of three children.

Isaac graduated from Moulton High School in 1950. He moved from Moulton, Iowa, to Grinnell, Iowa, and began working for the Maytag Corporation. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served honorably for four years during the Korean Conflict on the U.S.S. Midway. He returned to Grinnell and worked for Maytag as a tool and die maker until his retirement at the age of 49.

Isaac was a generous man who loved his family. His passions in life included hunting, fishing, woodworking, and U.S. History. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Cubs fan. Isaac loved to talk about politics, the founding fathers and the Constitution.

Isaac is survived by his children, Frederick (Kathleen) Jones of West Des Moines, Franklin (Carol) Jones of Iowa City, Glenn (Dawnette) Baker, Charlotte (Don) Thompson, and Diana Hansen, all of Lake Ponderosa, and Raymond (Lori) Baker of Grinnell; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his longtime companion, Joyce Baker; and two sisters, Iris Whitlow and Freda Teater.