

GRINNELL RESIDENT

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Visitation was held Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present Sunday afternoon.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Doyle Burkett Memorial Fund.

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was united in marriage with Norma Smith, in Clayton, New Mexico. The couple resided in Dumas, Texas for two years before moving to Grinnell in 1958. He was employed at the Grinnell Shoe Factory for several years and later owned and operated GPC Builders as a building contractor for over 50 years in the Grinnell area.

He was a member of the American Legion FT #53, VFW Stanley-Marchellino Post #3932, Grinnell Elks Lodge #1266 and the Isaac Walton League.

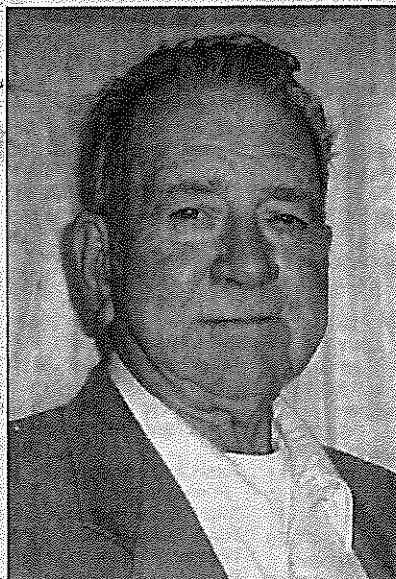
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Doyle is survived by his wife, Wanda of Grinnell;

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