Terry Gross

Terry Gross, 76, of Grinnell died February 6, 2017, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.
Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Ron Hodges officiating. Organist will be Marilyn Kriegel. Pallbearers will be his nieces and nephews Cody Bales, Mike Bales, Jr., Jennifer Fane, Shane Gross, Eric Murphy, Niki Nennicke, and Doug and Nicholas Vollers. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.
Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 10, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday evening.
A vigil service with the Rev. Steve Witt will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, February 10, at the funeral home.
Terry’s family is encouraging casual attire for both services.
Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital in Iowa City.
Terry was born December 5, 1940, in Grinnell, the son of Kenneth Elmer and Gretchen Slagle Gross. He was raised in Grinnell and was a 1959 graduate of Grinnell High School. Following his education, he was employed with United Grocery Store in the meat department.
On September 26, 1964, he was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart, Danielle Gabrielle Mitchell, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell.
Terry began his career with the Donaldson Company in 1965 as a welder. He was an active member of the UAW Local #1201 as union steward, trustee and serving on the negotiations team. He retired in 2002; after 37 years of service. Discovering retirement life did not suit him, he then was employed with the City of Grinnell Parks Department for seven years.
Terry was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Eagles Club, Elks B.P.O. Lodge #1266 and National 1 Club.
Terry liked things in life simple and was considered to be a humble and a very genuine person. He was dedicated to the guys he worked with and very committed to workers’ rights and labor issues. His own work ethic was impeccable. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, Chicago Cubs, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. He enjoyed bowling, playing cards and watching sports. Most importantly, was his love and devotion for his family.
He is survived by his children, Michael Gross of Grinnell, Christopher (Pamie) Gross of Des Moines and Mitchell (Melanie) Gross of Coralville; three grandchildren, Zola, Mary Danielle and Elsie Gross, all of Coralville, two brothers, Kent (Ethel) Gross of Farmington, Missouri, and Sam (Deanna) Gross of Flower Mound, Texas, and one sister, Lynnette (Doug) Vollers of Marshalltown. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Danielle, in 2006.
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