OBITUARIES

MALCOM RESIDENT

Verlan ‘Shorty’ Tinkle, 83

Verlan “Shorty” Tinkle, age 83 of Malcom, died on Monday, January 16, 2017, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 20, 2017, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson officiating. Casket bearers are Dean Mabeus, Ray Ward, Bill Tinkle, Roger Tinkle, Tim Linderman, and Roy Story. Burial will be in the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom with military honors. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home and his family will greet friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening. Memorials may be designated to the Malcom Volunteer Fire Department or to the Ivy Hill Cemetery Association, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Verlan Robert Tinkle was born the son of Alfred and Geneva Meldrem Tinkle on December 2, 1933, in Iowa. He was raised and educated in Brooklyn.

Shorty honorably served in the United States Army from 1954 until 1956, and stationed in Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri, White Sands Army Base in New Mexico and Ft. Riley in Kansas respectively. On April 22, 1954, Shorty was united in marriage to Iva Tish in Montezuma, Iowa. The couple made their home in the Malcom area and was blessed with four children, Steven, Gloria, Mike and Lyle. They raised livestock on the farm and Shorty worked for Cargill Nutrena Feeds and Van Wyk Freight Lines in Grinnell. He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles and the Grinnell American Legion.

Shorty was a proud family man, who was very supportive of his children’s and grandchildren’s activities. He enjoyed attending figure 8 races, camping, traveling to the west coast to visit family, vacationing in Branson and attending the country music shows, taking naps in the afternoon, watching old western shows on TV, and cheering on his favorite wrestlers, Bulldog Bob Brown and Handsome Harley Race at WWF wrestling events.

Shorty is survived by his wife of 62 years, Iva Tinkle of Malcom; daughter, Gloria Shawler of Marshalltown, Iowa; three sons, Steven Tinkle of Malcom, Mike Tinkle of Malcom, and Lyle (Anne Armstrong) Tinkle of Shellburg, Iowa; several grandchildren, many great grandchildren; and his sisters, Bonnie Ward of Memphis, Missouri and Rosanne (Virgil) Roorda of Barnes City, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Story; brothers, Bill Tinkle and twin brother, Vernon; sister-in-laws, Luella Tinkle and Florence Mick; three brothers-in-law; Feed Story, Eugene Linderman, and Lawrence Ward.

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