Duane M. Bissen, 66, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be designated to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Capital Campaign and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with Duane's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Duane Marvin Bissen was born on April 16, 1951, in Harlan, Iowa. He was raised near Irwin, Iowa, on the family farm and graduated from Irwin High School with the class of 1969. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska.

On February 23, 1974, Duane was united in marriage to Sheryl Ann Gillespie at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, Iowa. They were blessed with a daughter, Michelle, and two sons, Scott and Craig. Duane was employed with Thrord Credit and the family resided in Red Oak, Oskaloosa, Boone, and Newton, Iowa, respectively. In August of 1980, the family moved to Grinnell.

Duane held a strong love for his family and cherished every moment with his grandchildren. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Green Bay Packers football fan, and had been a member of the L-Club for over ten years. He volunteered countless hours to better the community of Grinnell and St. Mary's Catholic Church. His enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren, taking drives through the Rock Creek Lake area, deer hunting, and playing cards.

He will be remembered for the love of his family, being a good steward of the community, and for his kind and caring way.

Duane is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sheryl A. Bissen of Grinnell; daughter, Michelle (John) Adams of Superior, Colorado; two sons, Scott Bissen of Des Moines, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Alyssa, Aiden and Bailey Adams, Brayden and Brielle Bissen, and Levi and Noelle Bissen; five brothers, Marvin, Bissen of Harlan; siblings, Linda (Keith) Grewe of Elkhorn, Nebraska, Pastor Connie Bissen of Omaha, Nebraska, Dennis (Bonnie) Bissen of Kimballton, Iowa, Nancy (Leo) Kochanowicz of Omaha, and Roger (DeAnn) Bissen of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Bissen in 2015.