Gary F. Criswell, 74, of rural Malcom, died Sunday, April 30, 2017, at his home.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to PALS, and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Gary was born on August 24, 1942, in Kansas City, Mo., to William Freeman and Mildred Keller Criswell. The family moved to Montezuma and he graduated with the Class of 1960 from Montezuma High School.

On June 5, 1965, he was united in marriage to Pauline Bacon in Grinnell. The couple lived in various areas before settling in Scott Township near Montezuma, where they operated a dairy and grain farm. In 2007, they moved to their present farm north of Malcom. Besides farming, he also worked for Amana Refrigeration and Fremont Farms.

Gary enjoyed outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting and raising Wire Haired Pointing Griffon dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Criswell of rural Malcom; his children, Connie Tye of Custer, S.D., Carole Wallace of Red Oak, Texas, and William P. Criswell of Barnes City, Iowa; seven grandchildren; one great granddaughter; his mother, Mildred Criswell Conway of Ankeny; one brother, Kim Criswell of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and one sister, Patti Schipani of Ankeny, Iowa.