GRINNELL RESIDENT

Robert L. Wilkins, 79

Robert L. Wilkins, 79, of Grinnell, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on August 7, 2017.

Memorial services were scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, August 26, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall with Rev. David Crow officiating. Soloist will be Kassie Wilkins. Burial at Westfield Cemetery, south of Grinnell, will be held at a later date.

Robert L. Wilkins was born March 7, 1938, in Grinnell, son of Denton and Elizabeth Lee Close Wilkins. He was raised in Grinnell and educated in the Grinnell-Newburg School District, graduating in 1956.

On December 5, 1959, he was united in marriage with Anna Louise Latham, in Grinnell. The couple farmed in Chesterton Township for many years and then moved to their acreage west of Grinnell in 1962. He then began a 33-year career in the Agriculture Department of Heart-land Co-op in Malcom. He enjoyed his coworkers most of all and driving a semi-truck and running a targa-tor. He retired in 1984.

Bob was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and Gilman Flying Club. He loved flying and piloting the Gilman Flying Club plane and taking friends on a spin. He enjoyed trips to Minnesota ballgames and kept tabs on the Iowa Hawkeyes. Bob loved Blue Grass, Country and Rock & Roll music. He enjoyed learning to play his guitar with the help of Howard Davis. Most important was his love and devotion for his family. Sharing time with his grandchildren was the highlight of his life.

Memorial services may be directed to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City or Grinnell Regional Hospice and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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Services are pending at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.