Richard “Dick” Jay

Richard “Dick” Jay, 84, of Naples, Florida, and formerly of this area, died on Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, at the Naples Community Hospital.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 23, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. James Dotson officiating. Casket bearers will be his grandchildren, Josh Jay, Branden Jay, Jason Jay, Wade Jay, Brandon Jay, Shantell Jay, Nichole Jay and Grace Miller. Military rites will be conducted by the Iowa Veterans Funeral Squad of Camp Dodge. Interment will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Lynnnville.

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

Dick was born on Sept. 10, 1933, in Lynnnville, Iowa, to Bernard and Ruth White Jay. He was raised in Lynnnville and graduated from Lynnnville High School with the Class of 1952. He was an outstanding athlete in high school. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, he enrolled at William Penn College and received his BA degree in education and participated in sports.

Dick married Delores Streeter of Kellogg and they had three children. The family lived in Oskaloosa and Altoona and he worked in the Des Moines School District as a teacher and coach. Dick moved to Florida in the early 1980s and worked as a golf instructor and realtor. He married Linda Penzo on July 4, 1998, in Naples, where they made their home.

Dick was an avid supporter and booster of William Penn College athletics and was inducted into the William Penn College Hall of Fame. He enjoyed playing golf, construction projects and socializing with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jay of Naples, Florida; his children, Jeff Jay of Runnells, Greg Jay of Bondurant and Pam Jay-Miler of North Liberty; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two brothers, Giles Jay of Grinnell and Max Jay of Newton; and one sister, Pat Pettingill of Waukon, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Ray.