

Thomas R. Graham, 75

Thomas Robert Graham, 75, of Warrensburg, Mo., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006 at Western Missouri Medical Center, Warrensburg, Mo.

His funeral service was Saturday, March 4, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with Mr. Paul Prescott of Marshalltown officiating. Military graveside rites were performed by the Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169 of Montezuma. Interment was at the Masonic-IOOF Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Bill Graham, John Graham, Jim Graham, Michael Graham, Marvin Kolar and Doug See.

Honorary casket bearers were Michael McCully, Joe McCully, Dustin McCully, David Ingle, Tec Sgt. Kent Klotz, Chris McCully, Brandon Ingle, Brian McCully and Ryan McCully.

Thomas was born in Malcom on May 30, 1930, the eldest child of William and Ella (Spading) Graham. On Nov. 16, 1953, he was united in marriage with Lorraine Frances Stealy McCully at Sequin, Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August 1949 and was stationed at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. After tours of

duty in Italy and Thailand, he retired at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Mo., on March 1, 1974, with the rank of Tec Sergeant. He then worked in food service at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg until 1992. He was a member of the Elks, Masonic Fraternity (32nd degree), Royal Neighbors and the American Legion. Tom was a ham radio operator and loved trains, gardening, fishing and communicating with family and friends via Web TV. He and his wife, Lorraine, have taken Amtrack trips every year since 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years; two sons, Gary (Jacqueline) McCully of Traer and Darrel (Paula) McCully of Waterloo; five sisters, Bea Smith of Grinnell, Ruth (Marvin) Beck and Carol (Marvin) Kolar, both of Malcom, Roberta (Doug) See and Nancy (David) Weaver, both of Grinnell; four brothers, Bill (Millie) Graham of El Toro, Calif., John (Evelyn) Graham and Jim (Anise) Graham, both of San Antonio, Texas, and Michael (Markie) Graham of Newton; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Barbara Jean, and a great-grandson, Joshua Ingle.