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Toby Matherly 8-23-2018



Toby Matherly, 79, of Houston, Texas, and formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018 in Houston.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell and a reception will follow at the Grinnell Eagles Club.

Memorials may be designated to the Toby Matherly Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

Toby (Orval) Louis Matherly was born in Grinnell on Sept. 25, 1938, to Dorothy and Bernard Matherly. He married Sharon "Shoony" Lucille Galbraith on Sept. 17, 1957, in Grinnell, and they had four children.

After working and raising their family in Defiance, Ohio, and then the Swartz Creek, Mich., area, Toby and Sharon moved to South Houston, Texas. Toby was employed by Azrock Industries for 20 years before retiring.

Toby's hobbies varied, depending on where they were in life. Throughout the years he enjoyed camping, golfing, and traveling. After retiring, he and Shoony developed a love for casinos that continued until the day he passed. He became known as "one quarter Toby."

Toby is survived by his children Lori Woods of Crosby, Texas; Jeff Matherly of Lumberton, Texas; Lisa Rynearson of Alvin, Texas; and Jody Matherly of Iowa City; his sister, Mary Volner; brothers Terry Matherly and Glenn Matherly; 13 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and numerous other relations.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his wife, Sharon, in 2009.