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Visitation will begin at 12 noon on

Sunday at the Smith Funeral Home and his family will receive friends from 2 until 5 p.m.

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Lee Wallace Hauser was born on July 30, 1926, in LaMoille, Iowa, to Wallace Olin Hauser and Cora Lee (Smitherman) Hauser. The family moved from LaMoille to Gilman, Iowa, in 1927, where they farmed. Lee graduated from Gilman High School in 1944.

On June 29, 1947, he was united in marriage to Bernice Irene Lee at the Newburg Congregational Church. Lee farmed near Gilman from 1947 until 1973, when they moved to a farm near Malcom, Iowa. Lee retired from farming in 1993. They moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 2018.

Lee was active in several community organizations including the SEMCO School Board, Poweshiek County Cattleman Association, Poweshiek County Farm Bureau, and Poweshiek Mutual Insurance. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

Lee, Bernice and the family enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and visiting family in North Carolina and Norway. On their 65th wedding anniversary the family spent the weekend at the Linden House in Lynnville, Iowa. In 1982, they hosted an AFS student, Michelle Blake, from South Africa. Lee and Bernice enjoyed camping at the Iowa State Fair.

Lee dedicated much of his life to his family and friends. He was an outdoorsman who loved farming the land and raising livestock. He enjoyed socializing with family and friends, hosting card parties, dancing, eating ice cream, watching basketball and football games on television, and grilling, especially after church on Sunday.

Lee is survived by his wife of 71 years, Bernice Hauser of Grinnell; three sons, Richard Hauser of Marshalltown, Iowa, Robert Hauser of Pembine, Wisconsin, and Paul (Shannon) Hauser of Kansas City, Kansas; daughter, LeAnn (David) Tatman of West Branch, Iowa; sister, Joann Hemphill of Iowa City, Iowa; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings Mary Miller, Grace Strand, George Hauser, and Thomas Hauser.