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## Keith Paulson

Keith Paulson, 89, of Grinnell, died Sunday, June 2, 2019, at his home sur-

rounded by his family, under the care of Grinnell Regional Hospice.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, at the Friends Church in Grinnell. A reception will follow his celebration at the church. A private family interment will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held prior to the service at the church from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

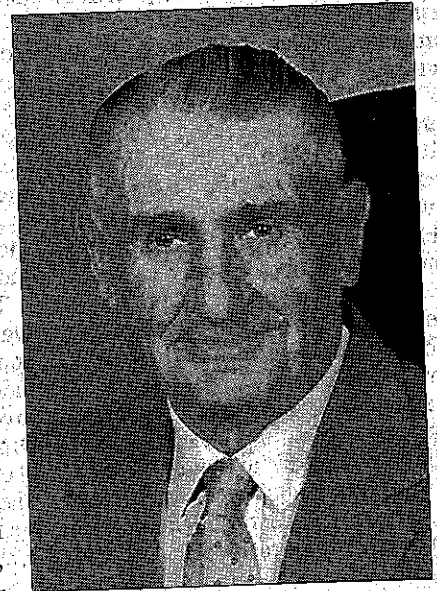
Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Friends Church in Grinnell, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

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6-6-2019

## Keith R. Paulson

Keith R. Paulson, age 89, of Grinnell, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Friends are invited to visit with family on Saturday, June 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Friends Church in Grinnell. At 11:30 a celebration of his life will be held with Pastor Anthony Nieuwsma officiating; a light lunch will follow. A private family interment will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell at a later date.

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Keith R. Paulson was born the son of Martin Hans Paulson and Margaret "Mae" (Elmore) Paulson on October 4, 1929, in rural Jasper County near Grinnell. At age 4, the family moved to the present farm where Keith resided the remainder of his life. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1948. From 1951 to 1953, he served in the United States Army stationed in Korea and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Keith was united in marriage with Shirley Lowry at the First Friends Church in Searsboro, Iowa, on December 2, 1954. The couple made their home on the family farm. To this union, four children were born: Nesha, Craig, Mark and Karma. Keith was a farmer his entire life until a few years ago when his health declined.

Keith's family, faith and love of farming were his life. He dearly loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His enjoyments included being with family, country music, roller skating, playing his harmonica and going for motorcycle rides. He was well known for his quick wit and sense of humor. He was a little on the ornery side, but was always kind and caring.

Keith is survived by his wife of 64-and-a-half years, Shirley Paulson; sister, Phyllis Saunders of Grinnell; sons, Craig (Kim Staples) Paulson and Mark (Brenda) Paulson, and daughter, Karma (Kelly) Werner of Grinnell; 12 grandchildren, Camille (Joel) Tryon and Carrie (Mike) Bohn of Cedar Rapids, Laura (Joe) Patten of Grinnell, Juelles Brenner and Jamie Brenner of Ames, Leah (Mitch Tomlonovich) Paulson of Colfax, Randy Paulson of Sheldon, Renae (Clinton) Follette and Brian (Jordan) Paulson of Grinnell, Kolton Werner of Nevada, and Kayte Werner and Kevin Werner, of Grinnell; and 12 great grandchildren, Jessa Tryon, Annabelle Bohn, Brianna Bohn, Blake Bohn and Clairra Bohn of Cedar Rapids, Lily Patten and Lana Patten of Grinnell, Logan Dimit and Carter Tomlonovic of Colfax, and Bryce Follette, Cory Paulson and Lyla Paulson of Grinnell.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Nesha Meyer in 2006; and siblings, Howard Paulson, Ruth Taylor, Doris Sleuwenhoek, Merle Paulson, Genevieve Bailey and Ross Paulson (age 2).