Richard E. Kies

Richard E. Kies, 83, of Grinnell died on October 18, 2019, at his home under Grinnell Regional Hospice care.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Len Garrison, Malcolm United Methodist Church, and the Rev. John Epperson, Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Pallbearers will be Steve Borneman, Amber Gant, Taylor Gant, Dalton Kies, Katrina Kies, Addy Pettig and Josh Sliger. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcolm.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Kies family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday evening.

Memorial contributions may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Malcolm American Legion or the Malcolm United Methodist Church.

Richard was born on June 7, 1936, in Malcolm, the son of Allen Frank and Velma Margaret Baumst Kies. He was raised in the Malcolm area and was a 1956 graduate of Malcolm High School. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

On April 10, 1965, he was united in marriage with Beverly Pease, at the Malcolm United Methodist Church; a union of 54 years. The couple made their home in Grinnell where they raised their two children. He was employed at the Donaldson Company in Grinnell for 35 years and retired in 1998.

Richard was a member of the Malcolm United Methodist Church, Malcolm American Legion, and the Air Force 307th Bomb Wing Association.

Richard held a great love and devotion for his family, his life evolved through his grandchildren and he enjoyed attending many of their activities. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially trout fishing in the Branson, Missouri, area. He held a passion for antiques and he collected many things, including eagles, mustache cups, and coins. Family vacations and day trips were always fun. He enjoyed playing cards with family and friends and playing board games with his grandchildren. He was considered very competitive. He loved maps, western movies, going to casinos, trains, dancing, and old country music.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly of Grinnell; two children, Susan (Mark Uhrig) Kies of Topeka, Kansas, and Doug (Desti) Kies of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Taylor (Jessica) Gant of Olympia, Washington, Amber Gant of Kellogg, and Dalton and Katrina Kies of Grinnell; one greatgrandchild, Grynphon Gant, and two step-greatgrandchildren, Fenix and Abby. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Wayne and Jim, and in infancy, Robert and David.
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