

Robert D. Cooper ^{64-R} 4-2-2020

Robert D. Cooper, 88, of rural Kellogg, died on April 1, 2020, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Due to state and federal guidelines on gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a private family graveside service and burial will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 4, at our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Robert's memory may be designated to the Robert Cooper Family, in c/o Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Robert was born on January 21, 1932, in Newton, the son of

Shelby and Mabel Benson Cooper. He was raised in the Kellogg area and was a 1950 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War.

On October 31, 1954, he was united in marriage to Florence Maria Henning at the Kellogg United Methodist Church - a union of 62 years! For many years, Robert and his wife ran a successful farm operation while raising their family. They were a good team and developed a strong bond while working together. Robert also enjoyed raising and working with his hogs. He loved his life on the farm and working from sunrise to sunset every day. He certainly knew and appreciated the value of hard work.

Robert loved his family and enjoyed attending his granddaughters' activities, wherever they may take him. He was one of their biggest fans! He enjoyed fishing, square dancing on Saturday nights, and in later years, traveling with the Grinnell State Bank Heritage Club on their bus trips. One of his joys was participating as a veteran on a Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Robert is survived by his two children, Carol (David) Kielly of Baxter and Art Copper of Kellogg; and twin granddaughters, Sarah (Zach) Blunt of Waterloo and Hannah Kielly and her fiancé Nick Waite of Coralville. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Florence in 2017; and a brother in infancy, Wayne S. Cooper, in 1928.

