Wayne Callison, 74

Wayne Callison, 74, of Grinnell died on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

His memorial service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. The organist was Kathleen McCune and the vocalist was Lisa Henderson. Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell was in charge of the arrangements.

A private family burial was held at Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg with the Rev. Susan Leatham, Grinnell Regional Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

The son of Joseph Ross and Myrtle Benson Callison, he was born Nov. 1, 1931, in Kellogg. He was raised in Kellogg and received his education in the Kellogg School District. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. On Dec. 26, 1951, he was married to Oda Elizabeth Anderson in Bad Axe, Mich. The couple lived in England while he served in the United States Air Force. They returned to the United States in 1955 and settled in Monroe until the fall of 1956 when they moved to Grinnell.

Wayne worked a variety of jobs including Moorman’s Feed, Grinnell Police Department, as a deputy sheriff with Poweshiek County, and with VanWyk Freight Line. He also was employed with Ma & Pa Stores, Macy’s Concrete, Manatt’s Inc. and later the Grinnell-Newburg School District. He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his children, Larry (Mary) Callison of Monroe, La., Shirley (Dr. Scott) Jensen of Grinnell, Doug (Rhonda) Callison of Oskaloosa, Kristy (Richard) Lilly of Johnston and Corrie (Paul) Vlaenic of Appleton, Wis.; one brother, Dale Callison of Norfolk, Va.; four sisters, Judy Parsons of Newton, Norma Jean Fanning of Kellogg, Karen Cummings of Bridgeport, Neb. and Reva Baer of Edgewood, N.M.; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wayne Callison Memorial Fund.