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Eugene Elliott

Eugene Elliott, 92, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at UnityPoint Taylor House in Des Moines.

A private family graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 5, 2021, at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman with Pastor Phil Culham (Prairie Lakes Church in Grinnell) officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Mighty Mason Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa, 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with family online at www.smithfh.com.



Dana Eugene Elliott was born on December 26, 1928, in Carmi, Illinois, to Wayne and Pearl (Collins) Elliott. He was raised in Carmi and Marshalltown, Iowa, respectively, and he graduated from Marshalltown High School with the class of 1945.

Gene was united in marriage to Norma Jean Lavender on July 22, 1950, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They were blessed with two sons, Robert and David, and raised their family in Gilman. Gene was a long-time employee of 28 years at Farmers Cooperative in Gilman. They were members of the Gilman Community Church.

Gene held a strong love for his family and enjoyed every moment surrounded by his grandchildren. He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He gave his best in everything he did and always put others' needs ahead of his. Following the death of his wife, Norma in 2002, he polished his cooking and baking skills and became famous for his homemade pies. He enjoyed volunteering at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, attending Grinnell College sporting events, and tending to his garden and yard.

Gene is survived by his two sons, Robert (Michelle) Elliott of Des Moines and David (Vicky) Elliott of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Brett Elliott, Shanna (Curtis) Sieck, Elia (Joe) Schaefer, and Michael (Diana) Elliott; four great grandchildren, Colton and Izzy Sieck, Elliott Schaefer, and Isabella Elliott; and his sister, Norma Vande Kamp of Gilman, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Norma Elliott; twin brothers in infancy; great grandson, Mason Sieck; sister, Mary Hatcher; and brother-in-law, Phil Vande Kamp.