Dennis W. Elhard

Dennis W. Elhard, 65, of 300 Park St., Grinnell, died of natural causes at his home on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 to 12 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born April 6, 1942, in Gackle, N.D., to Albert and Theresa Eckhardt Elhard. The family moved to Grinnell and he graduated from Grinnell High School. Following his education he worked as a brick tender for his father and also served in the United States Air Force. When he returned to Grinnell, he worked in the Buildings and Grounds Department at Grinnell College for many years.

He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge and the Izaak Walton League. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and socializing with friends. He also enjoyed canning vegetables, and sharing smoked fish and deer meat with his family and friends.

He is survived by one son, Kenny Elhard of Ankeny and one sister, Janet Griggs of Columbia, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Mark Elhard; one brother Eugene Elhard and one sister Doris Talbott.