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**Donald L. Hamilton**

Donald L. Hamilton, 83, of Grinnell, died early Monday morning, July 16, 2007, at his home.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held Saturday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Community Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or Grace Community Church in Grinnell.

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Donald LeRoy Hamilton, 83, of Grinnell died Monday, July 16, 2007, at his home following a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 21, at Grace Community Church with Rick Magstadt, pastor, officiating. Organ music was by Ila Willis. Cremation and interment were in charge of Brooks Funeral Care of Clive.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Belle Plaine, the son of Thompson and Murlidia Dodd Hamilton. He was a 1941 graduate of Belle Plaine High School, after which he served with the United States Army during World War II. While in the service he was married on Dec. 10, 1944, to Irene Alice Harrah, daughter of O.C. and Hulda Harrah, in Little Rock, Ark. The family moved to Grinnell in 1955 where he was employed in several positions before retiring in 1986 from WENCO.

He was a member of Grace Community Church and its JOY Fellowship. He was active in Boy Scouts, serving as scoutmaster for Troop 313 for several years. He participated in fund raising for Grinnell Goodfellows. He enjoyed camping, fishing and singing and, in recent years, jamming with friends and singing in nursing homes.

He is survived by his wife Irene of Grinnell; five children, Ron Hamilton, Springfield, Mo.; Donnette Gossen, Belle Plaine, and Kandy Wilson, Dusty Hamilton and Shanna Wathen, all of Grinnell; one sister Patsy Gahring of Hiawatha, 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ernest Hamilton, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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