

Ralph Cole

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Ralph Cole, 91, passed away at the Iowa Veteran's Home on August 19, 2023.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 26, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with a luncheon immediately following. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 25, at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be designated in his name to the Iowa Veteran's Home and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Ralph's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Ralph was born on May 3, 1932, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Roy Roscoe and Sylvia Inez (Boyd) Cole. On December 22, 1950, Ralph was united in marriage to Waneta Thoman. They had four children, Tanya, Marvin, Rick and Jan. Ralph retired from John Deere in Ankeny. He was later employed by Manatt's.

Ralph's memory will be cherished by his grandchildren Tammy (Brian) Plowman, Melissa (Tony) Sivola, Christina (Richard) Stevens, Marissa (Brent) Quandahl, Amanda (Mike) Flater, Jason Cole, Jamie (Ty) Eitel, Jake (Monica) Cole, Michael (Tonya) Cole, Heather Cole, Lindsay (Christopher) Belger, and Kayla Broadston; daughter-in-law Cindy Cole; brothers Lloyd (Sara) Cole, Richard (Pamela) Cole and Lavene (Linda) Cole; and sister Vickie (Steve) Lane.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Waneta; children, Jan, Tanya, Marvin, and Rick; infant grandson Andrew, and granddaughter Aubree; his parents; a sister, Arlene; and brothers Harold, Virgil, and Roy Jr.