Eugene Lee Bateman

Eugene Lee Bateman, 74, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service for Eugene Bateman will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell. No visitation is planned.

Born Feb. 21, 1933, in Natchez, Mississippi, he was the son of Francis Donald and Constance Katherine Miller Bateman. He was raised in the Sioux City area and attended school there.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he furthered his education while serving in military intelligence as an interrogator and interpreter. He served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and was also stationed for several years in Germany and Japan.

He retired from the army in 1974, after 24 years serving his country. He also worked with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as a computer expert, retiring from that position in 1995.


He was described as effervescent and loved life to the fullest, especially his wife and family. He enjoyed music and singing in the choir and held a keen interest in politics, history and religion. He was also described as witty and enjoyed laughter.

He is survived by his wife; three children, Donald Bateman of Tampa Fla., Jeffrey Bateman of Omaha Neb., and Jean Beck of Glendale, Ariz; three step-children; John Robinson, Mary Lamb and Lisa Dowd, all of Grinnell; three brothers, Michael Bateman of LeClaire, Dennis Bateman of Clearwater, Fla., and Orville Meyers of St. Joseph, Mo.; two sisters, Maureen Lemark of Davenport and Lynne DeFoe of LeClaire; two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a step-daughter, Grace Anderson; and a sister, Constance Orr.

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