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## Gene F. "Tob" Smith, 80



Gene F. "Tob" Smith, 80, of Grinnell, passed away Jan. 31, 2008, at USA Health Care Nursing Home in Newton.

His memorial service was Saturday, Feb. 9, at Smith Funeral Home in

Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Military rites were performed by Mike Mintle, chaplain, and members of the Grinnell American Legion. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Gene F. "Tob" Smith Memorial Fund.

The son of George and Cecil Mary Farmer Smith, he was born Sept. 16, 1927, in Searsboro. He lived in Searsboro until the age of 10 and then moved to Grinnell, where he was a 1945 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during

World War II.

In September of 1953, he was married to Dorothy Faye McCarty, in Abington, Ill. and the couple made their home in the Grinnell area. He was employed for 43 years as a heavy equipment operator and had worked at many construction sites in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He retired in 1990.

Tob was a 50-year member of the Grinnell American Legion. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears.

Survivors include two children, Pamela Jean Jones of Kellogg and Randy Lynn Smith of Hong Kong, China; one brother, Lyle "Swede" Smith of Bellflower, Calif.; one grandson, Nick Jones of Kellogg; and his former wife, Dorothy Ellenwood of Kellogg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Max, George, Neil, Dale and Kenneth Smith; and three sisters, Zelpha Crews, Norma Burkett and Peggy Harter.