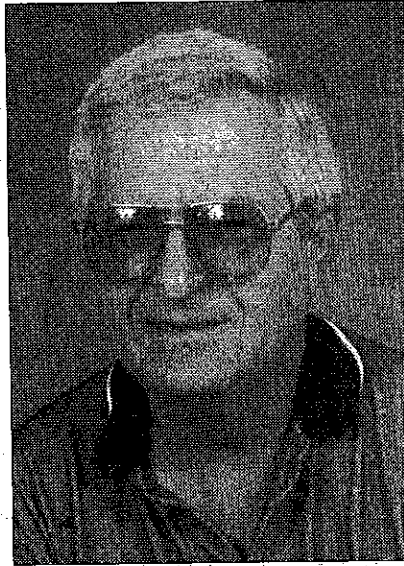


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**Gerald L. Deppe** 10/16/08



Gerald L. 'Jerry' Deppe, 65, of Bandera, Texas, formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Smith Funeral Home with Pastor Ernest Ruben, retired, officiating. Pallbearers will be Leif Eric Deppe, Joe Sawyer, Alexander Sawyer, Jon White, Shannon Deppe, and Everett Ruben. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery in rural Jasper County. Visitation with family members present will be held one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

He was born on Aug. 27, 1943, in Newton to Albert R. and Addie McDowell Deppe. He was raised by Albert and Virginia Cann Deppe in the Rock Creek area and was a 1961 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force during the Viet Nam Conflict and served additionally in the United States Army Reserves for many years.

Jerry was employed as an industrial electrician at Armstrong Tire Company in Des Moines and retired in 1999. He was married to Luevena Ruben on June 21, 1996, in San Antonio, and the couple had made their home in Bandera since 1999. While there he was a member of the Walker Memorial Baptist Church.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, reading, and sharing his time with his grandchildren. He was very mechanical and was often called upon by family and friends to help fix things.

Survivors include his wife Luevena Deppe of Bandera; his mother, Virginia Deppe of Grinnell; three sons, Leif Eric Deppe of Grinnell, Joe Sawyer of Carlisle, and Shannon Deppe of Grinnell; two step-children, Jonathan White of Mitchellville and Deena White of Des Moines; three brothers, Laird, Charles, and Ronald Deppe of Grinnell; two sisters, Linda Lester of Grinnell and Patricia Skelton of San Antonio; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Deppe and birth mother, Addie Elliott.