Sheldon Figland, 75, Grinnell

Sheldon Lyle Figland, 75, of Grinnell, died December 10, 2008 at the St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. A graveside funeral service was held at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2008 with Pastor Dennis Dorsheimer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Searsboro Fire Department. Condolences may be given to the family at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Sheldon Lyle Figland was born March 21, 1933 in Malcom, Iowa the son of Chester and Margaret Graham Figland. He attended the Searsboro country school. In 1953 Sheldon enlisted in the U.S. Army serving two years during the Korean Conflict. After his honorable discharge in 1955, he returned to the Searsboro area where he began farming with his father, eventually taking over the family farm. On October 21, 1967 Sheldon was united in marriage to Catherine Walker at the Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, Iowa. Sheldon enjoyed the farm life, working with horses and raising Black Angus cattle. Sheldon often showed his purebred Angus at the Iowa State Fair Cattle Show. He also enjoyed welding and fabricating various projects around the farm. In 1998, after fifty years of farming in the Searsboro and Montezuma area, Sheldon decided it was time to retire. Then in 2003 he and his wife moved to Grinnell. He will be remembered by his family as a loving man who loved to tease those he loved and his ability to communicate with others, Sheldon never met a stranger.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, of Grinnell; two daughters: Janet (Gary) Sears of Searsboro and Irene (Eric) Barbour of Plymouth, MN; two grandsons: Cameron and Ian Barbour; brother, David L. (Portia) Figland of Oskaloosa; two sisters: Mary Louise (James) Stevens of Guernsey and Betty Turner of Marshalltown.

Sheldon is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Chester Thomas and Chester L. Figland; two sisters: Margaret (Claire) Watt and Grace (Ray) Hoover; a brother-in-law, Jim Turner.

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