Ellsworth "Ed" Hudnut, 84

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Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell-Newburg Dollars for Scholars.

Ed was born Oct. 2, 1924, on the family farm near Grinnell, in Poweshiek County, the son of Elmer and Margaret McKenag Hudnut. He was raised on the farm and was a 1944 graduate of Grinnell High School. Following his education, he began farming with his brothers in Poweshiek County.

On April 4, 1949, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Chyma, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple continued farming on the family farm, soon to be honored as a Century Farm, where he lived all his life. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, Sully Co-op, and AARP.

Farming was his passion, working the ground, watching the fields furnish, and raking in a harvest. He also took great pride in raising livestock and was very proud when he would place at various shows. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, gardening, and going to the casino in Tama. He loved being with his family and was very proud of his two grandsons. He especially enjoyed attending all of their activities while they were growing up. He had many friendships and never knew a stranger.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Hudnut of Grinnell; one daughter, Peggy Guyer and her companion, James Viles of Grinnell; two grandsons, Douglas and Kyle Guyer, both students at Iowa State University in Ames; and one brother, Don Hudnut of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Lavert, Mike, Paul, and Oliver Hudnut; one sister, Mary Dostal; and one nephew, James Hudnut.
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