

# Merle Hayes Burnell, 73

Merle Hayes Burnell died January 3, 2002, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, at the age of 73.

Funeral services for Merle were held Monday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Grinnell Christian Church. Rev. John Epperson officiated. Pallbearers were Ron Brown, Paul Clayton, Eugene Lang, Paul Lang, Keith McMains, Fritz Oltrogge, Richard Saunders and Rick Stepanek. Honorary bearers were Virgil Adams, Dr. Dan Anderson, Keith Bailey, Marvin Billman, Gary Brouwer, Marty Duffus, Dennis Engelbarts, Mike Jacina, Harvey Mikel, Charles Routier, Kenneth Saunders, Mike Shutts, and Scott Schmidt. Members of the Grinnell American Legion performed Veterans ceremonial rites. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

The son of Frank and Sarah Graham Burnell, Merle was born September 28, 1928, in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and was a 1947 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War and served with the 568th Engineer Company in Germany.

He was married to Charlotte Black March 7, 1958, in Grinnell and the couple farmed east of Grinnell. Merle was a former employee of the city of Grinnell and Poweshiek County. In 1965, he began his career as a bus driver for the Grinnell-Newburg School District. He retired in 2001. He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church, Grinnell American Legion, and Grinnell Odd Fellows.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte of Grinnell; four sons, Larry and Loren Burnell of Grinnell, John Burnell of Woodward, and Addison Jensen of Grinnell; two daughters, Norma Griffith and Debra Montgomery of Grinnell; and 15 grandchildren.

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Military rites were performed by members of the Grinnell American Legion and "Taps" was performed by Emily Kolbe.

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in Germany.

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Merle was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather. He loved life on the farm, raising cattle, and was always particular about the upkeep of his farm and machinery. Merle was dedicated to his work and to the safety of the schoolchildren on his bus. He enjoyed socializing with friends over a cup of coffee, rollerskating, attending auctions, and going on family vacations, particularly to the Iowa State Fair. He also enjoyed collecting flashlights, pocket knives and ballpoint pens.

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## Merle Burnell

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Veterans ceremonial rites were performed at Hazelwood Cemetery by members of the Grinnell American Legion.

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He was married to Charlotte Black March 7, 1958, in Grinnell, and the couple farmed east of Grinnell. Mr. Burnell worked for the city of Grinnell and Poweshiek County. In 1965, he began his career as a bus driver for the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District. He retired in 2001.

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H-R January 7, 2002

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