Charles E. Burnham

Charles E. Burnham, 69, of Grinnell died of heart failure Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Oakland Acres Golf Course with the Rev. Dawes, retired, officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Buffum, Craig Burnham, Lloyd Durr, Maynard Durr, Larry Ellis, Wayne Gropper, Denny Hanner, Gene Kerbel, Doug Moyer, Roger Osborn, Vic Runyan, Allan Theiman, Jerry VanErsvelde and Jeff Vaverka. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville. Visitation will be held Monday, July 7, at Smith Funeral Home from 12 to 9 p.m. with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

He was born Jan. 24, 1934, in Jasper County to Albert Curtis and Olive Anna Meredith Burnham. He was raised in the Lynnville area prior to moving to Grinnell in 1942. He attended Grinnell-Newburg schools and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. Following his discharge he was employed with AT&T during which his work took him to several states throughout the Midwest. He moved to Grinnell in 1965 where he was employed with GTE, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge, Grinnell Elks Lodge and the Grinnell American Legion.

He is survived by three sons, Keith Burnham of Grinnell, Kevin Burnham of Oskaloosa and Kenny Burnham of Des Moines; three brothers, Kenneth Burnham of Grinnell, Wayne Burnham of Spencer and Russell Burnham of Kellogg; six grandchildren and one sister, Carol Hudnutt of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother Richard Burnham. His mother Olive Burnham, followed him in death on Friday, July 4, 2003.