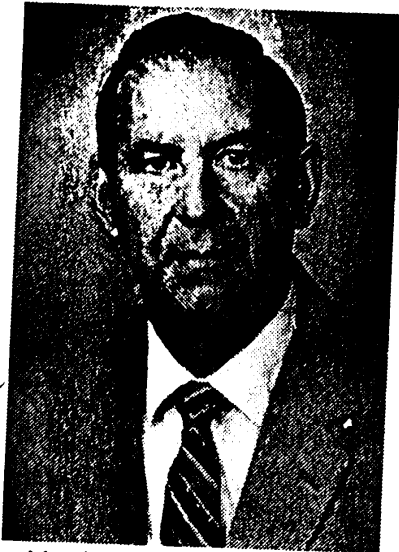


Marvin 'Ike' Courter



Marvin "Ike" Courter, 64, of 318 North Main St., Gilman, died of cancer Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Richard Jenkins, pastor of the Gilman United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist will be Jill Huffacker. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown.

The family will be present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions in Mr. Courter's name may be made to the Gilman Fire Department or to the Gilman First Responders.

The son of William and Mary Pridemore Courter, he was born May 21, 1931, in Rockwell City. He was a 1949 graduate of Rockwell City High School. During the Korean Conflict he served with the U.S. Air Force in radio communications aboard B-52 aircraft.

He was married to Betty L. Yeasel Dec. 23, 1951, in Jolley. They lived in Rockwell City where he worked as a lineman for General Telephone Co. They moved to Grinnell in 1962, and he worked as director of supply and transportation for GTE. The family lived in Gilman since 1973.

Mr. Courter was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church. He formerly served on the Gilman City Council and had been a troop leader in the Tallcorn Boy Scouts.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Randy and Rick, both of Grinnell; one daughter, Pam Blindt of Marshalltown; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Dick of Pomeroy, Ernest of Rockwell City and Russell of Sac City; and one sister, Opal Boulder of Louisville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson; two brothers, James and Elmer; and two sisters, Hazel Courter and Eunice Meyers.

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