

Richard Jacobs

Richard W. Jacobs, 62, of Wilton, formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, May 4 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Knoxville.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Farrell, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and vocalists will be Wilma Schmitz and Ruth Ann Dayton. Pallbearers will be Bruce Bolen, William A. Bryan, Maynard Durr, Richard Haselbrink, Donald D. King, and Wendell B. Sleuwenhoek.

Military graveside rites will be conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Jacobs' name may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The son of Pearl and Pauline Obara Jacobs, he was born Dec. 27, 1926, in Atlantic. He came with his family to Grinnell in 1935 and attended Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1944.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following his discharge, he attended the University of Iowa, graduating in 1950.

He was married to Patricia Hammond Aug. 23, 1948, in Iowa City. Following his graduation, he began a 25-year teaching career, teaching business education in several eastern Iowa high schools. Following his retirement in 1975, he worked for American College Testing (ACT) Co. and at University Hospitals, both in Iowa City. He retired in 1987.

Mr. Jacobs was a member of the Iowa State Education Association, the National Education Association, the Preston Lions Club and the Preston American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; two sons, Steven of Des Moines and Mark of Iowa City; one grandson; his father, Pearl Jacobs of Checotah, Okla.; one brother, Norman of Okay, Okla.; and a sister, Jacqueline Schneider of Ankeny. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1945.