

Donald Roof rites Saturday

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Graveside military rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Roof's name may be made to the Grinnell Fire Department.

The son of Carl and Cora Plate Roof, he was born May 2, 1937, near Rose Hill. He attended school in Barnes City and graduated from Searsboro High School in 1955. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was married to Betty Baird June 4, 1961, in Montezuma. The couple lived in Malcom and Grinnell.

Mr. Roof worked as a driver for the Grinnell Fire Department from 1961 to 1969, after which he was employed by the Donaldson Co. He continued to serve as a volunteer firefighter until April 1979. He was a member of the United Auto Workers union.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; his mother, Cora; two sons, Joseph of Grinnell and Donald Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M.; one grandson; two brothers, William H. of Clarinda and Keith of North Liberty; and two sisters, Alice Smith of Grinnell and Eleanor Merrell of Belton, Mo. He was preceded in death by his father.

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