Raymond L. Koger, 75

Raymond L. Koger, 75, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 29, at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell. Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were John and Bryan McNulty, Mark Dimit, Richard Innis, Kenneth Johnson and Bill Owen. Honorary bearers were Bob Dimit, Delmar Gildersleeve, Don Latham, Ray Lamansky, Roger Moyer, Art Wells and Russ Winburn. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

He was born April 14, 1928, on the family farm near Grinnell to Henry and Dora Garrett Koger. He was raised in rural Washington Township and attended rural school and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1946. On Dec. 4, 1949, he was married to Delores Lukehart at Laurel. The couple lived south of Grinnell where he operated a grain and livestock farm. He also did custom corn shelling for area farmers.

Mr. Koger was a member of The Grinnell Elks Lodge No. 1266, the Farm Bureau and was a former Trustee of Washington Township.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Koger of Grinnell; one son, Steven Koger of Grinnell; one daughter, Cindie Schlater of Exira; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Marie Gildersleeve of Fennimore, Wis.; and two brothers, Robert Koger of Everett, Wash. and Ralph Koger of Boone.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Susan Elaine Koger.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the United Methodist Church of Grinnell.