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Vern K. Welch, 74

Vern K. Welch 74, of Holiday Lake in Brooklyn, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 10, at the Schroeder-Walter Funeral Home, Boone, with the Rev. Ron Franklin officiating.

Burial of the cremated remains was conducted at the Boone Memorial Gardens of Boone, with full military honors conducted at the graveside by the Boone Veterans Council.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Grinnell Regional Hospice, 106 Fourth Avenue, Grinnell, IA 50112

Vern was born January 24, 1930, at Ogden, to Lorenzo and Lena Ubben Welch. Vern attended school in Boone and graduated from Boone High School in 1947. He served in the United States Navy from December 21, 1950, until October 19, 1954.

Vern married Mary Ione Verchio on March 16, 1951, in Boone. He worked as a mechanical repairman for Iowa Electric Light and Power Company in Boone from 1954 to 1986; he retired March 1, 1986. Then in 1988, he went to work with the Eastern Star Masonic Home, doing maintenance until 1991. Then, in 1991, he moved to Holiday Lake in Brooklyn.

He enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; they all came first in his life. He also enjoyed feeding wildlife and reading.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bernard.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Welch of Holiday Lake, Brooklyn; his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kathy Welch of Boone; his son, Mark Welch of Holiday Lake, Brooklyn; his son, Kevin Welch of Boone; his daughter and son-in-law, Vaughn and Tom Carver of Monmouth, Illinois; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his sister and brother-in-law, Iline and Don Westberg of Boone.