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Dwane Altemeier



Dwane Altemeier, 71, of Newton died Sunday, May 18, 2003, at his home.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m., at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Homer Perry of Mayflower officiating. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Eric, Keith, Kent and Lora Aikin, Jeremy Koppin, Nikki Marshall, Garrett Gilliland, Anthony, Andrew, Alan and Ashley Altemeier and Jake and Chad Nolin. Flower bearers were his great grandchildren, Tyger, Levi and Kobie Marshall and Derrick Altemeier. Burial was at Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell.

He was born June 30, 1931, on the family farm near Newton to Morris and Beulah Anderson Altemeier. The family moved to a farm near Newburg where he attended rural school and graduated with the class of 1951 from Newburg High School.

He was married to Helen Marlene Edwards on June 3, 1951, at Newburg Congregational Church. The couple lived in the Grinnell area and he worked as a meat cutter for United Food Store, as a driver for Manatt Corporation and in the building and grounds department at Grinnell College before moving to a farm near Newton in 1968. He and his family farmed from 1968 until 1985.

He was a member of the Iowa National Guard, the Izaak Walton League, the Eagles Lodge, the NRA and the Gilman American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Helen Altemeier of Newton; his mother Beulah Altemeier of Grinnell; three daughters, Cindy Aikin of Gilman, Cathy Gilliland of Rose Hill and Cheryl Nolin of Reasnor; one son, Kevin Altemeier of Newton; 13 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; four brothers, Earl of Brooklyn, Leo of Malcom, Clyde of Coal Valley Ill., and Doyle of Gilman, and three sisters, Janice Sherlock and Lavonne Gosselink, both of Grinnell, and Karen Henderson of Macomb, Ill. He was preceded in death by his father and one grandson.