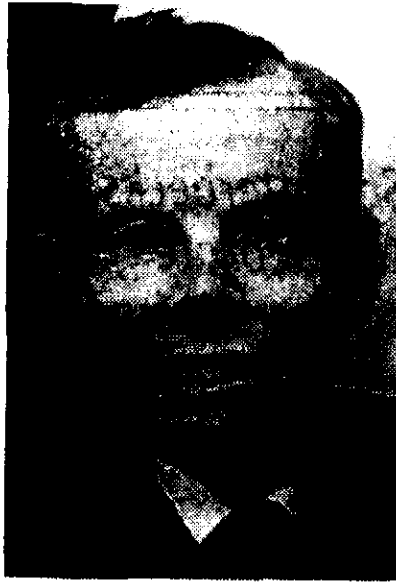


Howard L. Davis

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Howard L. Davis, 72, of Grinnell, formerly of Gilman, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Raymond Lott officiating. Casket bearers will be his grandchildren, Brian and Travis White, Brett and Shanna Elliott, and D.J., Nathan, Staci and Kelci Davis. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon Monday with the family present from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Poweshiek County Home Health Service.

He was born Nov. 30, 1930, near Gilman to Paul L. and Marie Wilson Davis. The family moved to Unionville, Mo., where he was raised and educated. In 1950 he returned to Gilman where he worked on a construction crew that built Highway 6 near Grinnell. He also managed various service stations and operated a taxi cab in the Grinnell area.

He was married on Feb. 18, 1955, in Oskaloosa to Evelyn Ruth Meldrem. They lived in Gilman and he operated the HD Repair Service until his retirement in 1990. He was a former member of the Gilman Volunteer Fire Department and a guitar player with the Howard Davis Band from 1973 to 1997.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn R. Davis of Grinnell; two daughters Wanda White and Vicky Elliott, both of Grinnell; one son, Danny Davis of