

Melvin J. Kasal



Melvin J. Kasal, 78 of Grinnell died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Grinnell Christian Church with John Epperson, pastor, officiating. Vocal music was by Jason Epperson. Pallbearers were Ben Bannon, Mike Christensen, Mike Lebeda, Nate Lester, Derek McCluskey, Rick Prull and Fred and Gary Showalter. Honorary bearers were Erin and Kasey Bannon, Ann Christensen, Adam and Ryan Kirkey, Nichole Lebeda, Jennifer McCluskey and Michelle Prull. Burial was in Rector Cemetery in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Christian Church or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

He was born Oct. 17, 1925, in Chelsea, the son of Joseph and Helen Chezik Kasal. He was raised in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School. He was married to Rozelle Showalter on June 19, 1945, and they farmed for 37 years north of Brooklyn. He also was employed with the ASCS in Poweshiek County for 20 years. The couple later divorced and he was married to Carol Macek Showalter on May 27, 1983, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple made their home in Grinnell where he was active with Grinnell Christian Church and a volunteer with Grinnell Regional Hospice for several years and a recipient of its Volunteer of the Year award.

He is survived by four daughters, Catherine McCluskey of Cedar Rapids; Wanda Lester of Aplington; Pamela Bannon of Marion and Amy Kirkey of West Branch; one sister Gladys Spinler of Chelsea; 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Carol; two brothers, Carl and Harold Kasal, and one great grandson, Christopher Lester.

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Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating.

The honorary casket bearers will be Erin and Kasey Bannon, Ann Christensen, Adam and Ryan Kirkey, Nichole Lebeda, Jennifer McCluskey and Michelle Prull.

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Interment will be in the Rector Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Christian Church or the Grinnell Regional Hospice.

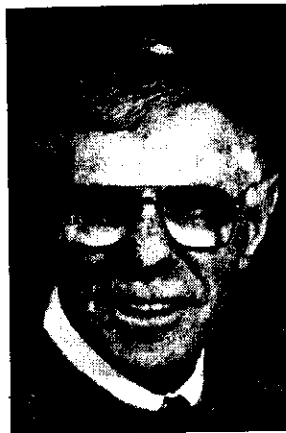
Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell is handling arrangements.

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Melvin was preceded in death by his second wife, Carol; two brothers, Carl and Harold Kasal; and one great-grandson.



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