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Lawrence Kephart



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A funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church in Grinnell, officiating. Pianist will be Kathleen McCune. Casket bearers will be Dave Harvey, Don, Noah and Zach Kephart, Steven Lowe and Dave Nevitt. Honorary bearers will be Lucas Brandon, Caleb Butler, Aaron, John and Rick Kephart and Ryan Rice. Burial will be in the Brooklyn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Lawrence Kephart Memorial Fund.

He was born Sept. 13, 1928, in Harrison County, Mo. The family moved to Lovilla, Iowa, and later to Pershing where attended Pershing schools. He was married to Dorothy Schackel and the couple lived in the Pella area. Following his wife's death, he was married to Marjorie Fisher and they lived in Des Moines where he was a heavy equipment operator. In 1975 he moved to Brooklyn and worked as custodian in the Grinnell school system. Later, he moved to Florida and worked for Albertson's Food Stores. On Sept. 13, 1999, he was married in Grinnell to Emily Swatosh. They lived in Brooklyn where he worked as a handyman.

He is survived by his wife Emily Kephart of Brooklyn; eight sons, Larry and Jim of Brooklyn, Lane of New Sharon, Lonnie of Massachusetts, Lloyd of Holly, Mich., Terry and Don, both of Grinnell, and David of Oskaloosa; two daughters, Sandy Rice-Lee and Mary Nevitt, both of Grinnell; two stepdaughters, Sherri Ellis of Marshalltown and Stacy Butler of Grinnell; one stepson, Steve Lowe of Brooklyn; 34 grandchildren; ten great grand-

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