

Denvil Oliver Jr.



Denvil Oliver Jr., 66, of 1412 Tenth Ave., Grinnell, died of a respiratory ailment Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

He was born April 18, 1936, in Grinnell to Denvil M. and Doris A. Curtis Oliver. He was a 1954 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was married to Sharon J. Long Sept. 21, 1956, in Grinnell. Mr. Oliver worked for the Maytag Company in Newton for 33 years, retiring in 1988. He then owned and operated Central Iowa Sports in Grinnell. He was a member of the Jerry Allen Band for over 25 years, playing the steel guitar.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Jeffrey of Grand Lake, Colo.; one daughter, Kelli Jantz of Aurora, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one brother, Gene of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter; one sister, Linda Galloway; and twin brother and sister, who died in infancy.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or Dollars for Scholars at Grinnell High School.