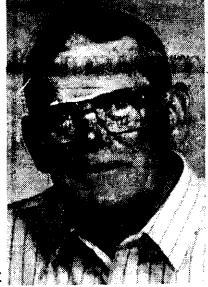
Joe Poole



Joe Poole, 67, of Gilman died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 11, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William Iammatteo-Code, pastor of Gilman Community United Church of Christ officiating. Casket bearers were Bill Mason, David Palmer, John Parker, Richard Niedermann, Dale Thompson and Paul Workman. Honorary bearers were Frank Baumann, Harley Everts, Eddie Halbloom, Clifford Hill, Duane Muckler and John Palmer. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

He was born Aug 28, 1935, in Ridgetop, Tenn., to Cleo and Myra Robb Poole. He was raised in Ridgetop and graduated from Greenbrier High School. During the Korean Conflict he served with the United States Marines.

On Feb. 24, 1957, he was married to Barbara S. Swift in Robertson County, Tenn. The couple settled in the Gilman area in the early 1960s where he operated a grain and livestock farm until the mid 1980s when he began work in the food service department at Grinnell College. He retired in 1997. He was a member of the Gilman American Legion and the Gilman Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by two sons, Paul Poole of Gilman and Steve Poole of Grinnell; two granddaughters; two sisters Patricia Baumann of Ridgetop, Tenn., and Robbye Palmer of Springfield, Tenn., and his companion Mary Agnes Poole of Laurel. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Barbara.