Edward J. Huyser



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A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Grace Community Church in Grinnell with Rewi-Rick-Magstadt, pastor of othe church, officiating Pianist was Teresa Thompson and vocalist was Dan Vande Krol. Casket bearers were Randy, Doyle, Doug, Scott, Greg, Dan and Brad Huyser and Todd Renaud. Interment was at the Sully Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements. Condolences to the family may be sent via: www.smithfh.com.

Edward John Huyser was born on Oct. 6, 1922, on the family farm near Sully, to Gerritand Anna Marie DeJong Huyser. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. In February of 1943, he entered the U.S. Army and saw action in the Normandy invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, the Ardennes Forest and the Rhine River crossing. Following the war he returned to Sully and worked for the Sully Coop.

He married Ila Mae Baarda on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1946, at her parent's home near Grinnell and the couple had two children, Gordon and Sheryl. They farmed near Sully and later moved to the Baarda family farm southwest of Grinnell. Ed enjoyed different occupations such as farming for 13 years, and owning and operating the Grinnell Truckline. He also was a truck driver for Farm Service, C&K Transfer and North American Van Lines. Prior to his retirement he worked as a grounds foreman at Grinnell College. Throughout his retirement he volunteered his time at church camps, Meals-On-Wheels and was a part-time park ranger at Diamond Lake

Ed was an active member of the Grace Community Church. He will be remembered as a faithful husband, a caring father and good neighbor and friend. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed being outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Ila Mae Huyser of Grinnell; his children, Gordon Huyser of Kilgore, Texas, and Sheryl Sherman of Camas, Wa.; two grandsons; four brothers, Vernon Huyser of Lynnville, Howard Huyser of Pella, Myron Huyser of Badger, and Gary Huyser of Hatton, Mo.; and one sister, Lynda Renaud of Sully.

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Memorials may be directed to the St. Francis Manor Foundation or to the Grace Community Church Mission Fund.

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