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A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 14, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis Smith officiating. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery in Brooklyn. Memorials may be designated to the American Cancer Society. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family on the Smith Funeral Home website www.smithfh.com.

He was born March 17, 1937, in Montezuma, the son of William Orville and Eva Stanley McDowell, and was raised and educated in Searsboro.

He drove a supply truck for Funk Produce of Grinnell and also worked at Malcom Lumber Company in Malcom. He was united in marriage with Virginia Irwin in 1953 and they resided in Malcom. He served as chief of the Malcom Fire Department in the 1960s. Their marriage later ended.

He was united in marriage with Jeanette Elaine Huntley in 1973 in Omaha, Neb. They moved to Gilman in 1975 where he was manager of Central Cooperative. He served on the Gilman City Council and was a volunteer with the Gilman Fire Department.

He is survived by his sons, Roger McDowell of Ely and Rod McDowell of Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepchildren, Tom Hoiem of Columbia Mo; Tim Hoiem of Brooklyn and Teresa Rothenberger of Kennett Square, Pa.; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Jeanette, and his siblings, Warren McDowell, Lyman McDowell and Ruth Courtney.

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Following his education, he drove a supply truck for Funk Produce of Grinnell and he also worked for Malcom Lumber in Malcom. He was united in marriage to Virginia Irwin in 1953, and they lived in Malcom. He served as the Malcom fire chief during the 1960s. Their marriage later ended in divorce. In 1973, he was married to Jeanette Elaine Huntley in Omaha, Neb. They moved to Gilman in 1975 and he was a manager at Central Cooperative in Gilman. He served on the Gilman City Council and was a volunteer fireman with the Gilman Fire Department for several years. His enjoyments included golfing and maintaining a beautiful yard.

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