

Jack Smothers ^{65H-R} 2-28-10



Jack Smothers, 62, of Lake Ponderosa, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2010, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. George Salnave, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, officiating. Pallbearers were Camiel Landuyt, Eric Bailey, Dennis Gates, Tony Hall, Roger Hopwood, Nate Benesh, Brian York and Mark Guthrie. Honorary bearers were Doug Hammelman, Brent McKenna, Carl Merical, Jim Collum, Steve Penning and Jess Reams.

Military rites were conducted by the Grinnell American Legion Post. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Memorials may be made to the Jack Smothers Memorial Fund.

He was born Oct. 1, 1947, on his family's farm near Ewart, the son of Louis and Esther Sammon Smothers. He was raised in the Jasper and Poweshiek County areas and was a 1965 graduate of Newton High School.

On Aug. 21, 1970, he was united in marriage with Patricia Olson in Omaha, Neb. They resided in Newton for several years where he was employed at Maytag. In 1978 they moved to Grinnell and in 2002 they moved to their current home at Lake Ponderosa. He was employed with the Donaldson Company in Grinnell, beginning in 1976.

He was a member of the Lake Ponderosa Association, Grinnell Eagles, and the Grinnell American Legion Post of which he was a past commander. While employed at Maytag he was a member of UAW Local 997 and currently was a member of UAW Local 1201, serving as union financial secretary since 1977.

He is survived by his wife Patricia of Lake Ponderosa, three sons, Troy Hess of Montezuma, Tony Hess of Des Moines and Patrick Smothers of Lake Ponderosa, two grandchildren, and six brothers: Jim of Montezuma, Bud of Grinnell, Raymond of Colfax, Bill of Marshalltown and Fred and Ed of Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son Todd Hess.

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Visitation will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Jack Smothers Memorial Fund.

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Jack was born Oct. 1, 1947, on the family farm near Ewart, the son of Louis and Esther Sammon Smothers. He was raised in the Poweshiek and Jasper counties area and was a 1965 graduate of Newton High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

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