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David A. Stafford, 67

Dave Stafford of Lucas was born July 19, 1943, in Webster City to Harris R. and Ila Jane (Mc. Donald) Stafford. He graduated from Grinnell-Newburg High School in 1961. On Apr. 10, 1965, he was married to Margi L. Overbeck in Sturgeon Bay, WI.

Dave is survived by his two children, Shannon David (Jan) Stafford of Indianola and Steffanie Noel Stafford of Sturgeon Bay, WI; two grandchildren, Sophia Lynn and Quinn David Stafford of Indianola; and three brothers, Lee of Hot Springs Village, AR, Roger of Killen, TX, and Wayne of Amenia, ND.

Dave graduated from The University of Wisconsin - River Falls in 1965 with a B.S. degree in economics. While at the university, he helped found The U.W.R.F. Rodeo Club which brought intercollegiate rodeo to the university campus. He was president of the rodeo club and a member of the rodeo team until his graduation.

Upon graduation, he went to work for International Harvester Co. in St. Paul, MN. He was with the company until 1968. In 1971 he started working for the John Deere dealership in Grinnell where he spent the next 17 years, eventually becoming the owner. After selling the dealership in 1988 and spending a few years in Colorado, Dave settled on his ranch in Lucas where he lived until his passing Sept. 18, 2010.

David A. Stafford



A funeral service for David Stafford, 67, of Lucas, Iowa, formerly of Grinnell, was held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at Fielding Funeral home in Chariton. Officiating was the Rev. Emily Allen.

He was born July 19, 1943, in Webster City, the son of Harris R. and Ila Jane McDonald Stafford. He graduated from Grinnell-Newburg High School with the class of 1961 and from the University of Wisconsin/River Falls in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics.

He was united in marriage with Margi L. Overbeck on April 10, 1965, in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. He was employed with International Harvester Co. in St. Paul, Minn., until 1968. In 1971 he began employment with the John Deere dealership in Grinnell, becoming owner after 17 years of employment. After selling the dealership in 1988, he resided in Colorado before moving to a ranch in Lucas.

He is survived by his son and daughter, Shannon David Stafford of Indianola and Steffanie Noel Stafford of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; two grandchildren; and three brothers, Lee of Hot Springs Village, Ark., Roger of Killen, Texas, and Wayne of Amenia, N.D.

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