Robert Smith, 78

Robert "Smitty" Smith, 78,

of Lynnville died Oct. 5, 2010, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 9,



at the Sully Community Church. Memorials may be designated to the Lynnville Historical Society or Iowa Heart Center

He was born Feb. 2, 1932, in Omaha, NE. He was adopted by Elsie and Glen Smith of Hamburg and spent his "growing up" years in Hamburg. Bob served two years in the U.S. Army, most of that time in Korea where he was wounded.

On Apr. 30, 1978, Bob was united in marriage with Bernice Lorene Brush Jay in Lynnville. He retired in 1980 from the Newton Post Office where he worked for 30 years. He had since kept busy by selling wood and coal stoves and furnaces and by planting a large garden. Bob enjoyed canning and cooking and loved baking bread and cookies to give to others. He also had a life-long love of Basenji dogs. Bob and Bernice loved to travel in the U.S. and had visited 28 foreign countries, five of them as Friendship Force Ambassadors. He was a member of the Sully Community Church.

Survivors include his wife Bernice of Lynnville; his daughters, "Bo" Drye of Indianola and Gigi Anthony of Des Moines; his step-daughters, Beth Haug of Pleasant Hill and Jody Nielsen of Pensacola, FL; his grandchildren, Lexie Drye, Sara Kern, Sean Anthony, Alyssa and Lexie Nielsen, Aaron Haug, and Jessica Toohey; and his three great grandchildren, Tyler Johnson, Jaden Kern, and Natalie Kern.

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