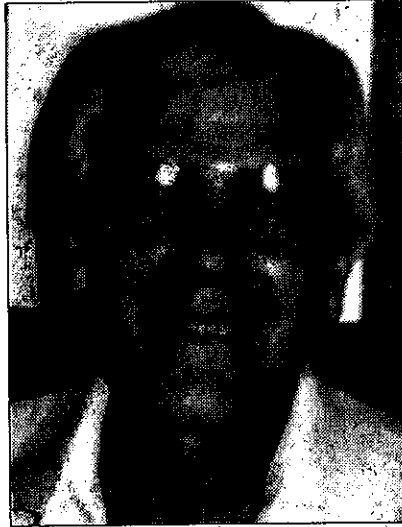


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Visitation was scheduled for 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to PALS (Poweshiek County Animal League Shelter) in Grinnell.

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He was employed for 20 years as a lineman for Iowa Southern Utilities and later in the maintenance department at Grinnell General Hospital. He retired in 1997.

On January 27, 1975, he was united in marriage to Linda Adkins in South

Dakota, and the couple continued to make their home in Grinnell.

Bill was a member of the NRA, enjoyed collecting guns and coins, and held a passion for history. He loved animals, especially his dogs, and was known fondly for his open-door policy for allowing other pets in his neighborhood to enter his home. He was devoted to his family.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Grinnell; two sons, Chadd Collett of Ottumwa and Heath Collett of Des Moines; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many other friends and relations. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Pam in 2008; one brother, Darrell; and two sisters, Charlotte Collier and Shirley Qualkinbush.

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