

## Charles E. Adkins



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A celebration of his life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Bushong, Community Hope Church of Montezuma, officiating. Interment will be at West Liberty Cemetery near Montezuma.

Visitation will be held prior to his service on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Charles E. Adkins Memorial Fund and mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Charles was born on Aug. 9, 1930, in Grinnell to Granville LeRoy Adkins and Clara Viola Stewart Adkins. He was raised near Searsboro and graduated from Searsboro High School with the class of 1948.

He honorably served in the United States Air Force as a staff sergeant. He served two years in the Philippines before his combat training and then was a mechanic in the Air Force for 21 years. He received the Good Conduct medal, Air Crew Members badge and the National Defense medal.

He was united in marriage with Carol R. Helmer on Aug. 1, 1976, in Vancouver, Wash. Following their marriage, the couple resided in Searsboro and he worked for the Lynnville-Sully Community School District as a janitor.

He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting rabbits and squirrels. His other enjoyments were watching NASCAR races, the Speed Channel and Iowa Hawkeyes sports on television, caring for his Beagle dogs and gathering with his family for breakfast every Sunday.

Charles is survived by his children, Charyl Warden of Montezuma, and Greg Floyd of Montezuma; two great granddaughters; and his siblings, Jerry Beyers of Grinnell, Don Adkins of Darlington, Mo., Russ Adkins of Fair Grove, Mo., Bruce Adkins of Cedar Falls, Marilyn Elliott of Winter Springs, Fla., and Richard Adkins of Arkansas.

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Charles dearly loved his family, especially his great granddaughters, McKenna and Mallory Warden. For the past 15 years his family has gathered together every Sunday to eat breakfast together. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting rabbits and squirrels. His other enjoyments were watching NASCAR races, the Speed Channel and Iowa Hawkeyes sports on television, and caring for his beagle dogs.

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