

Record 2-14-2013



DONALD A. FLEENER

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Friends may call at the funeral home from noon Feb. 13, the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13.

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On June 19, 1963, he was married to his high school sweetheart, Kathy Conner, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. The couple lived in the Grinnell area and he was engaged in farming and the operation of the Grinnell Livestock Exchange with his family. In the late 1990's, he joined the H & W Brand Gates Company of Grinnell as a welder. He retired in April of 2012.

Don was a member of the Grinnell Rural Fire Department Board of Directors. He loved animals and caring for his cattle, attending sprint car races and Iowa Hawkeye football games, go-karting, gardening, fishing, hunting, grilling and riding his snow mobile. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed mushroom hunting with his daughter, Kris, and his grandchildren. His family was the most important part of his life and many of his weekends consisted of playing cards with family and friends.

Survivors include his three daughters, Kris (Clint) Vonk of Sully, Karin (Rich) Jones of Grinnell and Debbie Smith of Brooklyn; four grandchildren, Kasey (Bart) Zylstra, Makayla Jones, Lexie and Nathan Smith; his father, Ralph Fleener of Grinnell; one sister, Janet (Greg) Muckler of Grinnell; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his mother; one sister, Marilyn Rector; one brother, Robert Fleener, who died in infancy; one brother-in-law, Larry Conner; and one sister-in-law, Joann Meyers.

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