RECORD WILLIAM ISAAC TINKLE 3614

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A funeral service was held Saturday, August 2, 2014, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Keith Morrison, Grinnell Regional Hospice, Chaplain, officiating, Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery in Brooklyn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice, mailed

in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

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He was united in marriage to Florence "Mick" Hawkins on January 26, 1945 in Marengo. Bill worked for Ed Bartachek in Brooklyn doing tiling work before working for Phil Palmer Construction. He later farmed near Barnes City for several years, and then farmed for Paul McConnell from 1956-68. Florence died of cancer on June 26, 1967. Bill was united in marriage to Fran Miller on May 31, 1969, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, and the couple recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. The family moved to the Leona Tokle farm near Grinnell in 1968 and later to the Ruth Hannay farm near Grinnell.

Bill held a passion for farming and raising cattle. He spent many hours in his shop tinkering and working on machinery. The family enjoyed going on annual vacations in Wisconsin, where they camped and fished, He held a special love for his German Shepherd dogs, King and Major.

Bill is survived by his wife, Fran Tinkle of Newton; daughter, Judy (Randy) Brown of Osceola; son, Bill (Nancy) Tinkle of Grinnell; step children, Terry (Carol) Butcher of Durham, N.C., and Marsha (Harry) Gearhart of Newton; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four step grandchildren; nine step great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Bonnie Ward of Memphis, Mo., Verlan "Shorty" Tinkle of Marshalltown, and Rosy (Virgil) Roorda of Barnes City.

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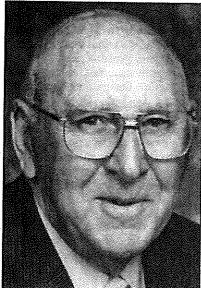
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Visitation will be held from 2 until 7 p.m. on Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with the family present to greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday evening.

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