

George Beam



George E. Beam, 86, of Newton and formerly of Grinnell died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at his home of cancer.

Graveside services with military rites were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Rev. John Saxton officiating. Honorary pallbearers include Lonnie Beam, Robert and Travis Huff and Virgil Innis.

Born Aug. 27, 1919, in Grinnell, he was the son of Glen "Jack" and Myrtle Hulbert Beam. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II, and later of the U.S. Air Force reserves.

He married Charlene "Chuck" Rutledge in 1946 and the couple made their home in Grinnell until moving to Newton in 1968. He worked for the Maytag Company for 20 years, retiring in 1977.

Following the death of his first wife in 1977, he married Barbara Jean Rudolph on May 15, 1984, in Tama. The couple continued to make their home in Newton.

He was a member of the Newton American Legion and V.F.W. He enjoyed vacations, hunting and fishing and riding his motorcycle. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Lorna Beam and Patricia Huff of Newton; a son, Glen Beam of Des Moines; a sister, Betty Innis of Newburg, four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and two brothers, Clayton Beam and Lester "Bud" Hill.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Jasper County.

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