

Glen H. Cookson



Glen H. Cookson, 69, of Grinnell, died Monday, August 1, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 4, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Pianist was Kathleen McCune. Casket bearers were Brandon and Nicholas Cookson, Don Novell, Curt Scheiter, Eric Sparks and Brenda Tinkle. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

He was born September 12, 1935, in Clayton, Ill., to Charles "Hap" and Frances Davis Cookson. He was raised in Camp Point, Ill., and graduated from Camp Point High School with the class of 1953. On November 12, 1955, he was married to Helen "Betty" Nelson in Quincy, Ill. The couple lived in Quincy and he worked at the Quincy Shoe Company. In 1963, the family moved to Grinnell and he worked in the buildings and grounds department of Grinnell College. From 1968 to 2000, he worked for the Farmhand Company and later, for Grinnell Products. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, camping, woodworking and traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Grinnell; two sons, Anthony Cookson of Grinnell and John Cookson of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren, four great grandchildren; one brother, Lyle "Wayne" Cookson of Liberty, Ill.; and two sisters, Luella Tinkle of Memphis, Mo., and Janet Sparks of Ewing, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetic Association.

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