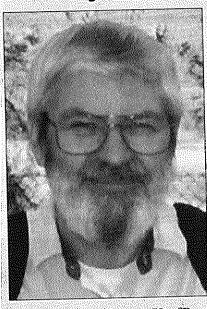
## **Gordon Eugene Grattan**



Gordon Eugene Grattan, 72, of Bondurant and formerly of Grinnell, died Thursday, June 9, 2016, after battling cancer for nearly a year.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Des Moines Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 2317 Watrous Ave., Des Moines. Memorial contributions in his memory may be directed to the Bondurant Lions Club or Des Moines Adventist School. Online condolences

may be expressed at www. Hamiltons-Funeral Home.com.

He was born Dec. 7, 1943, to Leland and Stephanie Grattan in Grinnell. He was a 1962 graduate of Grinnell High School and a 1967 graduate of Iowa State University.

After graduation he served in the United States Army stationed in Korea. He was a lifelong learner who took continuing education classes and learned to fly an ultralight, a hobby he enjoyed until he was too weak due to chemotherapy treatments. As a mechanical designer, he was sent all around the world. After retirement he continued to travel with his wife, and all told spent time in 25 countries.

He was a man of faith who believed in taking care of the land. On his farm north of Bondurant, he planted thousands of hardwood trees on portions of the land too hilly for crops, knowing they would not be harvested in his lifetime.

He was a member of the Des Moines Woodworkers Club and the Bondurant Lions Club, and as a Lion was awarded the Warren Coleman Honorary Award for volunteer service to the community and for his work in the prevention of blindness.

Gordon is survived by his wife Helen; sons Brian and Howard; five grandchildren; brother Worthin of Grinnell; and sister Julie Colburn of Parkersburg.

## FORMER GRINNELL RESIDENT Gordon Eugene Gratton Gordon tirement has a finement had a finement h



Gordon
Eugene
Grattan of
Bondurant, Iowa
passed -away on
June 9,
2016, after

battling cancer for near-

ly a year.

Gordon was the son of the late Leland and Stephanie Grattan of Grinnell, Iowa, and was preceded in death by his brother Albert Grattan of Grinnell. He is survived by his wife Helen Grattan, sons Brian (Robin) Grattan and Howard (Jennifer) Grattan and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Worthin (Maretta) Grattan of Grinnell, Iowa, his sister Julie (T.J.) Colburn of Parkersburg, Iowa, and many snieces and nephews.

Gordon was a 1962
graduate of Grinnell
High School and a 1967
graduate of Iowa State
University. After graduation, he served his country in the United States
Army and was stationed in Korea. He never quently took continuing education classes and learned to fly an ultralight a hobby he enjoyed until he was too weak due to chemotherapy treatments. As a mechanical designer he was sent all around the world to work on equipment, After re-

tirement he continued to travel with his wife and all told spent time in 25 countries. He was a man of faith who loved God and his creation. He believed in living responsibly and taking care of the land. On his farm north of Bondurant, he planted thousands of hardwood trees on the portions of land too hilly for crops, knowing full well that the trees would not be harvested until long after his passing.

The family wishes to thank the Bondurant Li-ons Club, friends and neighbors who helped around the farm and home this spring. Thanks also to the Des Moines Woodworkers Club for their help in organizing his woodworking equipment. He fully enjoyed being a member of both of these organizations. a Bondurant Lions Club member, he was awarded the Warren awarded the Honorary Coleman Award for his volunteer services to the community and for his work in the prevention of blindness.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 26, at the Des Moines Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2317 Watrous Ave., Des Moines Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bondurant Lions Club or Des Moines Adventist School in loving memory of Gordon.