## Roger L. Folkerds, 69 PCCR 3-29-2017



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Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice and mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condo-

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Roger Lee. Folkerds was born on Dec. 8, 1947, in Hampton, to John and Delta (Froning) Folkerds. He was raised in Hampton and graduated from Hampton High School in 1966.

He honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the bronze star medal. He was honorably discharged and returned back to Hampton, where he was employed with the Maytag Corporation. On Nov. 28, 1986, Roger was united in marriage to Linda Bills at St. Paul's Lu-

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Roger dearly loved his family and especially enjoyed watching his grandson, Peyton, playing sports. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed pheasant hunting, fishing, and tending to his garden and lawn. He was a passionate Iowa Hawkeyes fan and loved to offer his postgame commentary to family members. He was an avid bowler and qualified for the state bowling tournament numerous times. He enjoyed the trips he and Linda took to Lake Okoboji and Clear

Lake, and going to the area casinos. He will be remembered for being a family man, a hard worker, and humble.

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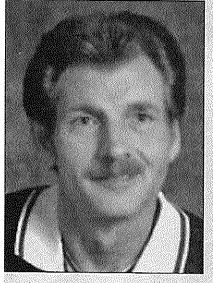
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