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Lyle Jess Routier was born the son of Russell Jess Routier and Ruth Nadine (Dobson) Routier on February 17, 1930, in Clutier, Iowa. He was raised near Clutier for a short while before the family moved to Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1948.

Lyle worked for several area Grinnell businesses, which included Three Elms, Grinnell Glove Factory, Grinnell Shoe Factory, and C&K Transfer. He was united in marriage to Mary Ruth Davis on January 21, 1950, in Newton, Iowa. The couple made their home in Grinnell before moving to Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma, Iowa, in 1969. They moved to Newburg in 1987 and returned to Grinnell in 2009. Lyle worked at Maytag in Newton for 37 years and retired at the age of 57 in 1987. He was a member of over 50 years at the Grinnell Eagles Club and had recently joined the Grinnell Elks Club.

Lyle was a hard worker who always provided for his family. His enjoyments included watching game shows and Iowa Hawkeye games on television, watching RDF-TV on Saturday nights, dancing, wintering in Texas, attending monkey business meetings with his fellow Maytag retirees, and going camping, fishing, and boating with his family.

Lyle is survived by his children, Marj Smith of Grinnell, Connie (Darrel) Lamb of Grinnell, Cindy Weldon of Belle Plaine, Iowa, and Roger (June) Routier of Gilman, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; siblings, Lawrence Routier of Moravia, Iowa, Leslie (Linda) Routier of Grinnell, and Leonard (Sarilda) Routier of Lubbock, Texas; and daughter-in-law, Irma Dye of Mission, Texas.

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