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7-27-2017 **Russell Dale Winburn**

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Visitation began at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home. His family greeted friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with his family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

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Russell served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict (1952-54). He was stationed at a seaport in La Rochelle, France. Following his service in the Army, Russell returned to farm with his parents on their farm in Pleasant Township.

On September 10, 1960, he was united in marriage to Donna Marie Chamberlain of Monroe County at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell. Russell farmed in partnership with his parents from 1960 until 1966, when Russell Sr. retired. Russell and Donna continued the operation, farming full-time until Russell was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2002. He then continued to farm part-time with the help of his son, Russell Kent Winburn, until 2015. Cancer treatment resulted in remission for many years, but the cancer re-emerged in 2009. Russell received monthly chemotherapy treatment for the rest of his life.

Russell was a member of Iowa Farmers Union, the Elks Lodge of Grinnell, and the Poweshiek Masonic Lodge. He helped to build the Lily Lodge in Malcom in 1976. He was a member of the Ewart United Presbyterian Church, which closed in 2008. He was the first president of the Poweshiek County Cattlemen's Association and was a member of the American Angus Association. Russell served on the Malcom Coop Elevator board and as a Soil Conservation Commissioner.

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