

## William John Noe

William John Noe, 79, of Galena, Ill., formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m. at Galena United Methodist Church, 127 S. Bench St. with the Rev. Dr. John Jewell officiating assisted by the Rev. Sherri Lowly. Furlong Funeral Chapel, 100 Caroldon Court, Galena, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to his family at 814 Young St., Galena, Ill. 61036, or to the United Methodist Church sound system renovation fund.

He was born Dec. 5, 1926, in Amana, the eldest son of Erna and John August Noe. He graduated from high school there in 1945, then enlisted in the United States Navy, serving at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago. Following his discharge, he earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University in Ames, also studying music and art at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, where he met his first wife, Elaine Fair with whom he had two children, William John Jr. and Barbara Elaine. While residing in Amana, he worked as an engineer and designer, first at Collins Radio, then at Amana Refrigeration. They moved to Grinnell after he joined the research and development department of Maytag Co. in Newton where he received several patents for his work.

He and his second wife Jo McClymond Weeks were married in 1973. They lived in Newton until his retirement when they relocated to Galena. He was involved in many community activities especially as a member of the Galena United Methodist Church where he was a choir member and musician, secretary and treasurer as well as a mentor for young people.

He is survived by his wife Jo; his daughter Barbara Koch of Cedar Rapids; four stepsons, Dan Weeks, Galena, Tim Weeks, Rochester, N. Y., Pat Weeks, Cedar Rapids, and Jason Weeks, Iowa City; his former wife, Elaine Noe of Grinnell, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son William J. Jr. and one sister Emaline Bendorf.