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James 'Dale' Emmert

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Dale then came back and worked for Poweshiek county until March of 1955 after his Honorable Discharge from the service. Dale and Dona moved to a farm southeast of Grinnell on Ewart Road, where he farmed most of his life and raised four children. Dale was a member and leader of 4-H. From 1990 to 2000 he also worked for Vannoy Chevrolet in Montezuma selling cars. Dale enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, fishing, playing cards, bowling, and playing golf at Montezuma Country Club where Dale and Dona were members for many years. He loved going for coffee every morning at the Elks Club where he was a lifetime member and other places as well where he enjoyed the company of his many friends. He was a kind and humorous man and all ways made you feel at home. In 2013 Dale and Dona moved to a duplex at the Mayflower in Grinnell and he resided there for the rest of his life.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents and brother and sister. Dale is survived by his wife Dona and his four children, Vicki (Keith) Fuquay, Michael (Lynda) Emmert, Diane Nixon, and Charlie (Tomas) Lasansky, as well as his eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

A Celebration of life will be held at the Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Montezuma, Iowa, on February 16, 2019. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a service at 11:00 a.m. and a luncheon following at the church.

The Emmert family would like to thank caregivers, neighbors, friends, and family for their support and encouragement these past weeks. Additionally, they also want to express their deepest appreciation to Grinnell Regional Hospice and the Mayflower for the care they provided during the last weeks of Dale's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Montezuma, or to PALS in Grinnell.



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