

Raymond Meldrem

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Raymond Meldrem, 87, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at his home in Grinnell under the care of Grinnell Regional Hospice.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with burial at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A reception will follow at the Eagles in Grinnell.

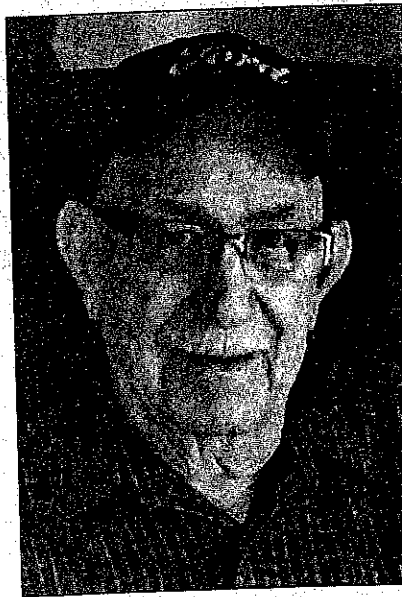
Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home and the family will receive friends from 4 until 7 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

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3/25-28/2019



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A funeral service with military honors was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A reception followed at the Eagles in Grinnell.

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Raymond was born the son of Cecil and Maude (Wolferd) Meldrem on March 25, 1931, in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised and educated in Grinnell.

Raymond was united in marriage to Donna Josephine Van Draska on September 6, 1952, in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell all of their lives and Ray was a longtime employee of 38 years at Donaldson's in Grinnell. He was a talented wood worker. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and loved his Indianapolis Colts. In his younger years, he enjoyed hanging out with his buddies at Duffy's Tavern in Grinnell and in his later years he enjoyed having coffee with his friends at Hy-Vee and Maid-Rite. His other enjoyments were watching westerns, Jeopardy, and Wheel of Fortune with his dog, Buddy.

Raymond is survived by his children, Steve Meldrem of Grinnell, Debra (Mike) Dvorak of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Lonnie Meldrem of Grinnell, and Wade Meldrem of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Donna Meldrem; and siblings, Glenn, Ruth, Lois, Gladys, Max, and Shirley, who died at the age of eight from Leukemia. 64-R