

Ronald Heishman ^{CH-R} 9-245-2019

Ronald Heishman, age 76 of Grinnell, died with his family by his side on Friday, August 30, 2019, at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson, UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Hospice chaplain, officiating. Interment was at Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell. A reception followed at the Elks Lodge in Grinnell.

Visitation began at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4th at the Smith Funeral Home and his family receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Ronald Heishman Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

Ronald Eugene Heishman was born the son of Kenneth Paul Heishman and Lucile Pauline (Kriegel) Heishman on April 20, 1943, in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Grinnell and attended Grinnell schools.

Ron was united in marriage to Linda Joyce Simmons on October 23, 1970, at the Oak Grove Church south of Grinnell. They resided in Grinnell all of their married lives and Ron was an over-the-road truck driver for many years. He had also worked for Manatts and he owned and operated Ron's snow removal and mowing business. Ron was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge in Grinnell and served as a trustee and Exalted Ruler from 1997 - 1998.

Ron was a family man and an outdoorsman. He traveled the country as an over-the-road truck driver and always looked forward to getting back home to be with his family. His favorite times were the family get-togethers and the holidays. He enjoyed camping at Rock Creek Lake, attending the Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, watching western movies, and going fishing and hunting, especially his Elk hunting trips to Colorado. He will be remembered for the love of his family, for being a hard worker and provider for his family, his dedication to helping people and serving as an Elk, and for his ability to poke fun and play pranks on others.

Ron is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda Heishman of Grinnell; his son, Richard (Shana) Heishman of Grinnell; daughter, Elizabeth Heishman of Marshalltown; five grandchildren: Helle Neville of Tama, Iowa, Paul Hopkins of Marshalltown, Natasha Heishman of Marshalltown, Tyler White of Marshalltown, and Mia Heishman of Grinnell; sister, Barbara See of Grinnell; and several nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Kay Evans and Anna Mae Mittle; daughter, Tina Heishman; and grandson, Robbie Hayes, Jr., in infancy.

