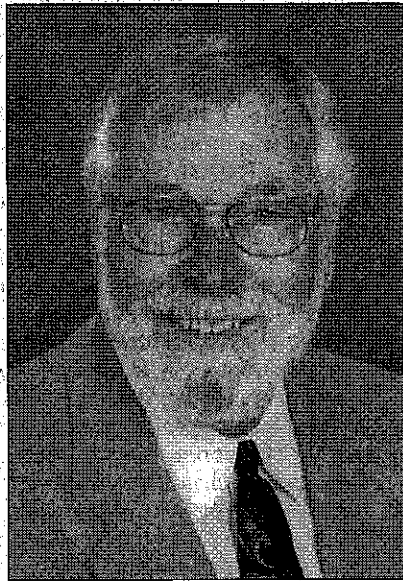


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## Harold K. Eccles



Harold Eccles, age 86, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. A visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at noon and his family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home. A reception will be held at the St. Francis Social Center following the service at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be designated to PALS (Poweshiek Animal League Shelter) or to Relay for Life, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Harold's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Harold Keith Eccles was born on January 24, 1934, in Coffey County, Kansas, to Clarence and Kathryn (Richter) Eccles. He was raised on the family farm near Burlington, Kansas, and he graduated from Burlington High School with the class of 1951. Harold honorably served in the United States Army in the 1950s.

Harold was married to Colleen Atherly in September of 1952 and to this union they were blessed with three children. They were later divorced in 1979.

Harold had a successful career with the Hoover Company, which resulted in moves in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska. In 1979, he started his own company, Eccles Eccles and Associates, which eventually brought him to Grinnell, where he met his longtime companion, Pam Grundler. The couple lived in Grinnell and they enjoyed traveling, especially to Branson, Missouri. He enjoyed grilling, gardening, doing yard work, and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Harold will be remembered for his tenacious work ethic, his patience, his strong faith, and for the love of his family.

Harold is survived by his longtime companion, Pam Grundler of Grinnell; children, Cindy Eccles of Omaha, Nebraska, Denise Coffman of Topeka, Kansas, Scott (Julie) Eccles of Brooklyn, Iowa, and Chris (Ashley) Grundler of Grinnell; grandchildren, Nathan (Andrea) Coffman, Amanda (Justin) Merrick, Justin Coffman, Kim (Alex) Coleman, and Claire Grundler; great grandchildren, Ember, Beau, Tytus, Adelynn, Lane, Ellie, Eden and Jaxton; brother, Norman (Faye) Eccles; sister, Cheryl Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Bobby Lee Eccles; great granddaughter, Kennedy; sister, Shirley Wagner and her husband Walt; sister-in-law, Nyla Eccles; brother-in-law, Stan Johnson; and son-in-law, Allen Coffman.