

Ed Brand, 80, Grinnell

Ed Brand, 80, of Grinnell, passed away Dec. 8, 2006, at Iowa

Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Tim Stewart officiating.

Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Baptist Church and may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

Ed was born on Oct. 5, 1926, to Jacob and Florence Sesser Brand in Lynnville. He was raised in Lynnville and graduated from Lynnville High School with the Class of 1944.

Following his education he began farming with parents on the family farm near Lynnville.

He was united in marriage to Betty Buhr on Jan. 5, 1950, in Iowa

City. The couple both worked at Midwest Manufacturing in Kellogg and Ed was employed there for over 30 years. He then worked in the maintenance department at Grinnell College and retired in 1992.

Ed was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell and the Oddfellows, Masons, and Shriners fraternal organizations. He served on the Grinnell City Council for several years. He assisted various organizations with his expertise in sign language.

Ed is survived by his nieces and nephews, Margaret Hale of Grinnell, Tony Hale of Des Moines, Marcia Jackson of Peoria, Arizona, Sheri Wilkenson of Prosser, Washington, Steven Pierce of Roseburg, Oregon, Rodney Pierce of Redmond, Washington, Jon Pierce of Citrus Heights, California, Curtis Pierce of Phoenix, Arizona, and Jody Pierce of Arlington, Arizona.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Betty on March 21, 2004; and his sister Dorothy Pierce on April 1, 2006.



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The Brands enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, and Mr. Brand traveled to Canada and Minnesota each year to fish with close friends. He also spent hours playing cards with family members and friends.

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Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home starting at noon today (Monday); the family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Baptist Church and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home. Condolences may be submitted to the family via the website www.smithfh.com.