

## James "Rex" Criswell, 80

James "Rex" Criswell, 80, of Grass Lake, Mich. and formerly of Rock Creek Lake, near Kellogg, died August 22, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Funeral services for Mr. Criswell were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen McCune. Pallbearers were Charlie, Ron, and Skyler Criswell, Kevin and Nick Long, and Kent Sandell. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the James "Rex" Criswell Memorial Fund.

The son of William Albert and Lela Kress Dobbs Criswell, Rex was born September 24, 1925, in Poweshiek County, southwest of Grinnell. He later moved with his family to a farm near Malcom and was a 1943 graduate of B.G.M. High School. He served with the United States Navy during World War II.

On March 5, 1949, he was married to Geraldine K. "Geri" French, in Grinnell and the couple made their home in Newton where he was employed with Maytag. They returned to Grinnell a few years later, and then moved to Rock Creek Lake in 1968. Rex was an independent truck driver for 25 years and in 1974 he was employed with Frito Lay. He retired in 1986. For the last couple years he had been living with his daughter, Karla Sandell in Grass Lake, Mich.

Survivors include two children, Karla Sandell of Grass Lake, Mich., and Kirby Criswell of rural Kellogg; two brothers, Howard Criswell of Centerville, and Larry Criswell of Grinnell; five grandchildren, Robin Vos, Annie Morton, Nick and Kevin Long, and Skyler Criswell; and four great-grandchildren, Reese Miller, Marlie Morton, and Reagan and Riess Long.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Geri in 2005; one son, Kevin Criswell in 2001; and three brothers, Ray, Roy, and Robert Criswell.



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Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. that evening.

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