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William W. Husak

William (Bill) Husak, age 87, of Grinnell died on March 3, 2021, in his home with his family surrounding him.

A Private Family Mass of the Resurrection was held Monday March 8, 2021, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Ross Epping officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Pallbearers were Bob, Mike, Lawrence, and Jim Husak, Nathan Buchholz, and Todd Vokoun. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

The Mass was live-streamed for the public, starting at 10:15 a.m. on the Facebook page of the Smith Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Bill Wenceslaus Husak was born the son of William and Mary (Zmolek) Husak on October 1, 1933, in Toledo, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm north of Toledo, and he graduated from Toledo High School in 1952. Bill attended Iowa State University and graduated with a degree in Industrial Administration in 1957. He participated in the Army ROTC Program and received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation.

After graduation he went to Korea for a tour of duty. When his tour was done, he was honorably discharged and he engaged in farming.

On September 29, 1973, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Husak in Iowa, Iowa. The couple resided in Grinnell during their 47 years of marriage where Bill worked at Farmhand, Inc., followed by Clow Corporation in Oskaloosa, and at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown.

Bill enjoyed the simple things in life. He was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell. He loved bike rides, playing Pepper, and gardening. He loved planting tulips. He was an avid fan of Cyclone and Hawkeye sports.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Husak of Grinnell; two daughters, Shelly (Todd) Vokoun of Grinnell and Nicole (Nathan) Buchholz of Omaha, Nebraska; two grandsons, Matthew and Jacob; one brother Pete Husak of North Liberty; one sister, Julia Benda of Elberon; and many dear in-laws and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Charlie, Paul, John, and Emil; one sister, Sister Philomena; and his Pepper partner Jerry VanOmmen.

The family would like to thank Wesley Life for their skilled nursing care and Care Initiatives Hospice for their loving care. They would also like to thank friends and neighbors for their support.

