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Kenneth C. Jantzen

Kenneth C. Jantzen, age 70, of Grinnell, died on Friday, January 1, 2021, at his residence.

A public visitation was scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. A face mask was required for those attending the visitation.

A public graveside service was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 7, at Sheridan Cemetery north of Grinnell. The service will be live streamed on the Smith Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials may be designated to the Kenneth Jantzen Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Kenny's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Kenneth was born the son of Clifford and Ellen (Irwin) Jantzen on August 28, 1950, in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm in the Sheridan Township northeast of Grinnell and attended Newburg school. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1968. He attended Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa, and received an AA degree in farm machinery repair.

Kenneth worked at Grinnell Implement in the service department for several years. He later owned and operated Jantzen Sales and Service north of Grinnell. He also assisted with the Jantzen family farm operation. Due to an accident, Kenneth was forced to retire and resided at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Kenneth enjoyed attending races at the Iowa Speedway in Newton and the Knoxville Speedway. He enjoyed repairing and restoring old family tractors and spending time with his beloved family and friends.

Kenneth is survived by his mother, Ellen Jantzen of Grinnell; daughter, Sara Kuhns of Norwalk, Iowa; son, Dennis Jantzen of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and sister, Pauline Sharp of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Jantzen in 1998; brother, James Jantzen in 2008; and sister, Peggy Jantzen in 2020.

