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## Ron Adams

Ron Adams, 77, of Grinnell, died at his home on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment will be at Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell. A luncheon will follow at the Eagles in Grinnell.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and his family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Ron Adams Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations selected by the

family and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Ronald Eugene Adams was born the son of Virgil and Grace (Anderson) Adams in Newton, Iowa, on September 20, 1945. He was raised in the Newton, Kellogg and Brooklyn areas and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1964. He honorably served in the United States Army.

Ron married Paulette Wells on October 2, 1965, at the Grinnell Christian Church. From that marriage they had Angie and Teresa.

Ron was united in marriage to Mary Jo Gilbert on September 14, 1974, in Elk Point, South Dakota. This marriage added Mary Jo's son, Tim, to the family. Later the two were blessed with their daughter, Janene. The couple resided near Malcom, where Ron farmed and raised livestock with his dad. They later moved to a farm near Brooklyn. Ron owned and operated Adams Trucking. The couple moved to Grinnell in 1995, where Ron worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation as a highway technician. Mary Jo passed away on January 29, 2011.

He was united in marriage to Dixie Shaw on May 2, 2015, at their home in Grinnell. The couple has enjoyed their retirement years living on an acreage south of Grinnell.

Ron was a hard-worker. He was always planning his next project to complete. He was gifted mechanically and a skillful wood worker. His enjoyments were motorcycle rides, going for coffee time with the guys, traveling, camping, dancing, and being with his family. He will be remembered for his humor, jokes, being dependable, kindness, and carrying that big smile.

Ron is survived by his wife, Dixie Adams of Grinnell; his children, Angela (Rusty) Massengale of Malcom, Iowa, Teresa Adams (Scott Shadden) of Tama, Iowa, and Janene (Damian) Imhoff of Grinnell; step-children, Tim (Paula Simon) Elliott of Grinnell, Angie (Mark) Smith of New Sharon, Iowa, and Ashlee (Shane) Angle of New Sharon; his sister, Beverly Squiers of Chelsea, Iowa, and her family; grandchildren: Jake Robison, Jessica (Joe) Tass, Lisa Hinman, Madison and McKinze Elliott, Ashlyn, Rylie and Dawsan Imhoff, Tyler (Nicole) Smith, Tara (Tyler) Grier, Tori (Jesse) Smith, Kenzie, Taylor and Chance Angle; great grandchildren: Westlyn Tass, Levi and Nash Grier, and Waylon and Myron Smith; and cousins, Jay and Judy Stevenson of Kellogg, Iowa, and Dennis and Barb Koger of Washington, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Jo Adams; and step-daughter-in-law, Robin Elliott.

