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A memorial graveside service will be held Saturday, April 21, at Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell. A procession to the cemetery will leave Smith Funeral Home at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday. The Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate and the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit will officiate at a flag presentation. Following the service, his family will receive relatives and friends for lunch at First Baptist Church.

He was born March 4, 1929, in Grinnell, the son of Arthur and Louise Hafkey Clifton. He was raised in Grinnell and attended Grinnell schools. He served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1957.

He was a self-employed trucker for over 50 years, contracting with the DeKalb Seed Corn Company and Sully Transport Company. He was married on Dec. 17, 1982, to Pearl Stepp Norris in Newton. They enjoyed traveling together, as well as attending auto races and truck and auto shows.

He is survived by two sons, Ray Clifton of Akron, Ohio, and Dr. David L. Clifton of Edgewater, Colo.; one daughter Penny L. Clarkson of Tyler, Texas; two stepdaughters, Sherry Osland of Colfax and Marilyn Holmes of Newton; two grandsons; one step grandson and one step great grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.