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Clarence John Cogley
June 25, 1931 - May 25, 2004
Grinnell, Iowa

Visitation: 1 p.m. - 9 p.m., with the family present from 6 - 8 p.m. May 28, 2004 at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell

Funeral Service: 10:30 a.m., Saturday May 29, 2004 at Trinity Lutheran Church - Malcom

Interment: 11:30 a.m., Saturday May 29, 2004 at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery - Malcom

Clarence Cogley, age 72, of Grinnell, passed away Tuesday, May 25th at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of injuries he sustained in a farm accident that occurred on October 1, 2003. A funeral service for Clarence will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Malcom with Rev. Herb Knudten presiding. Casket bearers will be Mark Dimit, Dave Ferneau, Ken McMains, Doug Mikel, Dale Moyer, and Don Stoker. Interment will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, with the family being present from 6 - 8 p.m. on Friday evening. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Clarence was born the son of John and Clara Figland Cogley on June 25, 1931 in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm northeast of Grinnell and educated at Sheridan Township rural school. Clarence graduated with the Grinnell High School class of 1949. Following his education, he served in the United States Navy for four years, spending three years in the Philippines during the Korean War. Clarence was united in marriage to JoAnn Lidtka on March 24, 1956 and to this union one son Mike, and two daughters, Cathy and Melissa were born. Clarence was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Grinnell Eagles Club, the Elks Lodge, and served on the former Malcom Elevator board and Trinity Lutheran Church council. Clarence enjoyed traveling throughout his life. Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Alaska were just a few of his favorite destinations. He also enjoyed spending the last few winters in Arizona. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed sharing these activities with his grandson Cale. He took pride in his team of Belgians. He hosted many hay rides in the summer and bobsled rides in the winter. Most of all, Clarence enjoyed his grandchildren, Cale and Skye Puls, and Jonathan "Jack" Goedken. His family remembered him as one who taught the values and rewards of hard work. He was considered strong yet sensitive. He took pride in being

a generous man and a good friend to many. Clarence was known for his quick wit and he always made sure that everyone was having a good time. Clarence is survived by his wife JoAnn; his children, Mike of Portland, Oregon, Cathy and her husband Dale Puls of Grinnell, and Melissa and her husband Scott Goedken of Swisher, Iowa; his grandchildren, Cale and Skye Puls of Grinnell, and Jonathan "Jack" Goedken of Swisher, Iowa; his three brothers, Dr. Keith Cogley of Colfax, Iowa, Dr. Allen Cogley of Jefferson City, Tennessee, Dr. Roy Cogley of Green Valley, Arizona; his eight sisters, Betty Bryan of Davenport, Iowa, Eleanor Mason of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Bernice Mithelman of Grinnell, Avis Kelm of Grinnell, Joan Hopkinson of Savannah, Georgia, Barbara Danskin of Scottsdale, Arizona, Marilyn Copeland of Jefferson, Iowa, and Pat Lang of Grinnell. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother Jim in August of 1991.

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