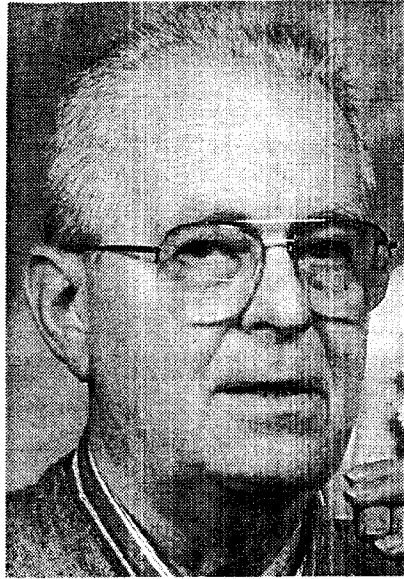


Donald J. Cooper



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Donald J. Cooper, 72, of Grinnell died Thursday, April 12, 2007, at his home.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 14, at First Assembly of God in Grinnell with George Edgerly, pastor, officiating. Casket bearers were Ron Lowry, David Lowry, Dennis Lowry, Steve Otto, Mark Otto, Mark Paulson, Craig Paulson and Guy Burrell. Interment will be held at a later date in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Donald J. Cooper Memorial Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112. Online condolences may be sent to the Cooper family at www.smithfh.com.

He was born Jan. 24, 1935, the son of Guy and Mabel Hoagland Cooper on the Cooper family farm near Rock Creek Lake. He was raised in Grinnell and attended Grinnell schools. He was a member of the United States Air Force, serving as a sergeant from 1951 to 1955 during the Korean Conflict.

He was united in marriage with Loretta Lowry on May 30, 1954, in Searsboro and to this union were born two sons, Blake and Brent. The Coopers lived in Grinnell throughout their lives, Mr.

Cooper working at Grinnell College, as a branch manager for Thermogas and later as a sales manager for the Des Moines Register. He later owned the Grinnell Dairy Queen and West Side Storage. He enjoyed working with youth and opened a youth center called "The Wreck".

He enjoyed buying and selling almost anything, and bargaining to make a deal. He also enjoyed his family, and looked forward to their annual family trip to Back Bone Lake where they would spend many hours around the bonfire.

He is survived by his wife Loretta Cooper of Grinnell; two sons Blake Cooper of Rock Creek Lake and Brent Cooper of Grinnell; three granddaughters; three great grandchildren; one brother Burton Cooper of Magalia, Calif., and three sisters, Eloise Otto, Ruby Teed and Loretta Burrell, all of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Kenneth Cooper and one great grandson Simon Dewey.