

## Dale E. Harris



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Dale E. Harris, 69, of Ankeny, formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis Konkel of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf officiating. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 2 p.m. Friday with family members present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice Development and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 29, 1937, in Grinnell, the son of Merle and Blanche Siehl Harris. He was raised in Grinnell and attended the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs from the age of four. He graduated from the Iowa School for the Deaf with the Class of 1958. Following his education, he traveled to various destinations through his employment. He began working for a local newspaper in Williamsburg in 1958, and then worked for Ahrens Manufacturing in 1963. In 1967, he began working for the Donaldson Company in Grinnell as a spot welder. After 32 years of dedication to the Donaldson Company, he retired in 1999.

He was united in marriage with Joan Nelson in 1973 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. To this union was born a daughter Cindy. In 1990, he was united in marriage with Doris Beik at First Presbyterian Church in Wapello. The couple resided in Grinnell much of their lives before moving to Ankeny in December 2005.

He was a genuine person who never judged anyone, and always portrayed a positive demeanor through his sense of humor and ability to joke with others. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan, attending many football and basketball games. He also enjoyed bowling, golf and watching car races, attending the Indianapolis 500 for ten years in a row.

He is survived by his wife Doris Harris of Ankeny; his daughter, Cindy Harris of Des Moines; his mother, Blanche Harris of Grinnell; his brother Dennis Harris of Gilman; one stepdaughter, Stella David of Indianapolis, Ind., and two step granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his father, Merle Harris in 1996 and his brother Dean Harris in 1953.