William A. Whitehead



William A. "Bill" Whitehead, 60, of Grinnell, formerly of Des Moines, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 18, at

Smith Funeral Home with burial following in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Memorials may be directed to the William Whitehead Memorial Fund.

Harry William Whitehead was born April 9, 1947, the son of John and Dorothy Gott Whitehead in Oskaloosa. The family moved to Montezuma where he attended school. He also lived in New Sharon, Marshalltown, Des Moines and ultimately called Grinnell home.

He enjoyed the outdoors and all animals. Christmas was a special time to him including decorating the tree, candy, stockings and being with his family. He loved playing games such as Sorry and Uno with his nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his siblings, Emma Edgington of Manchester, John Whitehead Jr. of Marshalltown, George Whitehead of Montezuma, Linda Dontje of Denver, Colo., Vema Ozborn of Marshalltown and Jenny Fowler of Grinnell, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Bill had a great love for everything he had. He enjoyed the outdoors and all animals. Christmas had a special place in his heart – decorating the tree, candy, stockings and being around his family. He always enjoyed the sweets and playing Sorry and Uno with his nieces and nephews. Being the oldest of seven, patience was a virtue he taught to all of his siblings. His child-like faith gave hope to everyone around him. Bill was a friend to all and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his siblings, Emma and Roger Edgington of Manchester, John Whitehead Jr. of Marshalltown, George and Alice Whitehead of Montezuma, Linda Dontje of Denver, Colo., Vema and Larry Ozborn of Marshalltown, Jenny and Greg Fowler of Grinnell; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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