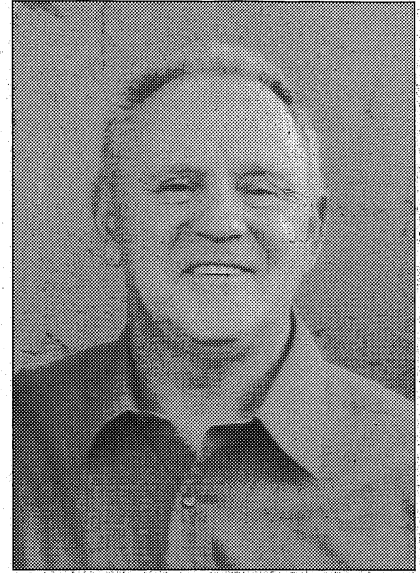


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Keith Blocker *11-20-2023*



Keith Blocker, 78, of rural Malcom, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at his home. A visitation will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at Cox-Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name can be sent in care of Cox-Smith Funeral and Cremation Service, PO Box 163, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Cox-Smith Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Keith was born on May 29, 1945, the son of Melvin and Tena Balvina Blocker at the family home in Tama. He worked at Lennox and then Miracle before his retirement. Keith was a skilled carpenter and was part of the "Blocker Brothers" band, with his brothers. A big bowl of ice cream was a nightly thing. Keith enjoyed family time together, and his family will always cherish those memories – even when he was playing tricks.

Keith is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rita; son John Wallis of Rock Creek and daughter Heather Blocker Timm of Malcom; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; siblings Patsy Seymour, Jim Blocker, Jeanette Genson, Delores Baughman, David Blocker, his twin Kenneth Blocker, LeRoy Blocker, William Blocker, Eugene Blocker and Darrell Blocker; several cousins, nieces and nephews and other relations; and his beloved dog, Poppy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Melvin, Gordon and Larry "Hooch"; one grandson; and his dear friend, Larry "Monk" Shefchik.