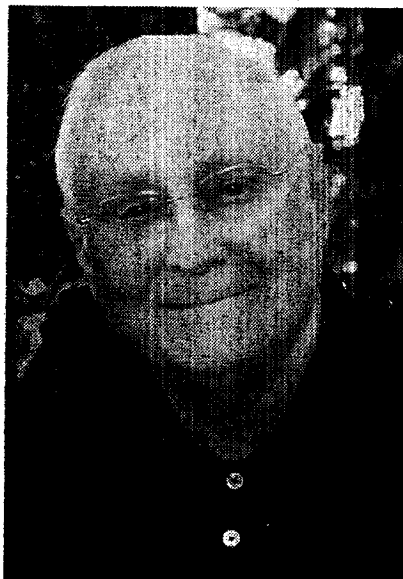


Robert D. Kaloupek



Robert D. Kaloupek, 80, of 730 Pine Valley Drive, Grinnell, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 31, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell with the Rev. David Brandt, pastor, officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo and vocalist was Randy Jones. Casket bearers were Gary Cook, Brian Drees, Dr. Brian Heineman, Dr. Clark Jensen, Dr. David Smith, Rick Weigel and Ed Whitver. Honorary bearers were Bev Culver, Larry Peebles, John Ring, John Murphy, Helen Brown, Jean Carpenter, Tiny Carpenter, Ken Tope, Roland White, Bob McConnell, Gwen Carmichael, Gordon Felper, Don Leath and Ed Eichhorn. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit presented the American flag to his family. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Dollars for Scholars and sent to Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112.

He was born July 24, 1927, in Elberon to Charles and Pearl Dralle Kaloupek. He was raised in Toledo and graduated from Toledo High School with the Class of 1944. Following his education he was employed by the Central Iowa Telephone Company and served with the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, he continued his career with Central Iowa Telephone Company.

He was united in marriage with Marrina Maas on May 4, 1957, in Homestead. They resided in Williamsburg and Emmetsburg before moving to Grinnell in 1975, where he was employed with General Telephone Company until his retirement in November 1985.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and an avid fan of the Grinnell Tigers and the Iowa Hawkeyes. During his retirement he enjoyed exercising at Ahrens Fitness Center and coffee time with his friends at Cunningham Drug Store and Hardee's.

He is survived by his wife Marrina; two daughters, Jan Fender of Fayetteville, Ga., and Lynn Gitch of Grapevine, Texas; one son, Tom Kaloupek of North Liberty; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Charles Kaloupek of Toledo and John Kaloupek of Lake Lure, N.C., and two sisters, Phyllis Willer of Marshalltown and Mary Lou Kaloupek of Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leland Kaloupek and Doug Kaloupek.

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