

Raymond Beck

Raymond Beck, 79, of Grinnell died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.



A funeral service was held Saturday, May 3, at Smith Funeral Home with the

Rev. Kathy Roys of St. John's Lutheran Church, and Mureal Johannessen, associate in ministry, officiating. Organist was Cheryl Irland. Pallbearers were Leon, Aaron, Roger, Shane, Daryl and Jacob Beck. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or St. John's Lutheran Church.

The son of Herman George and Marie Anna Graff Beck, he was born Sept. 28, 1928, in Grinnell. He was raised in the Grinnell area and was a 1946 graduate of Grinnell High School. Following graduation, he was employed with his uncle, John Beck, as a carpenter. On April 8, 1950, he was united in marriage with Alice Lucille Wood at St. John's Lutheran Church. They continued to reside in Grinnell. He was employed at Rudkin Hatchery, then later became a partner with Walter Plum in Plum & Beck Construction. In 1970 he began work with Cargill Seed Inc., from which he retired in 1987 as plant manager. He then was employed as summer help with Chief Alfa until 1995. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a life member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

He was devoted to his family, loved everything about the outdoors, and farming always had interested him greatly. He was an avid sports fan, enjoying watching baseball, football and golf. He also enjoyed socializing with his family and friends, playing cards and shooting pool.

He is survived by his wife Alice of Grinnell; one daughter Sharon Howerton of Altenstadt, Germany; two sons, David Beck and Kenneth Beck, both of Grinnell; one brother Richard Beck of Grinnell; one sister Lorna Silvers of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one grandson, DJ Beck of Grinnell and two step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.

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