

## Norris D. Bigbee

Norris D. Bigbee, 79, of Grinnell died Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Mayflower Health Care Center.



A graveside service and burial took place Thursday, May 22, at

Hazelwood Cemetery with the Rev. Susan Sanning, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Medical Center, officiating. Violin music was by Sarah Hamilton. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 23, 1928, in Belle Plaine, the son of Gerald and Nadene Cronbaugh Bigbee. He was raised on the family farm in Honey Creek Township in Iowa County and received his education from Honey Creek School No. 10, graduating later from Marengo High School in 1946. He was inducted into the United States Army in 1951 and served with the 2nd Division during the Korean War as a corporal.

He was married to Elaine M. Block in Marengo on May 12, 1952. They farmed in the Brooklyn and Chelsea communities until 1965 when they moved to Grinnell where he was employed by the Donaldson Company until his retirement in 1992.

He enjoyed antiques, collecting things and making something out of nothing by refinishing items that he found. He also enjoyed doing chores on his farm, working with farm animals and fishing in area farm ponds. He loved dancing. For many years he kept busy with carpenter work on several homes in the Grinnell area.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; one son Dale; his son-in-law Kurt Lohse; two grandsons, and one sister Arlyn Dellamuth of Belle Plaine. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Tracy Lohse in 2003, and one brother Gerald Bigbee Jr. in 1990.

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A graveside service will be held for Norris Bigbee at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is handling arrangements.