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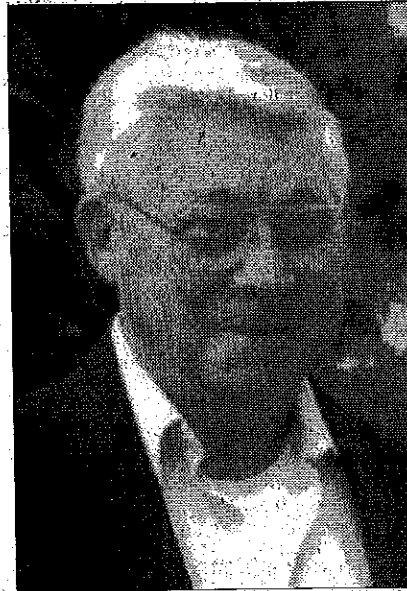
Visitation will be from 12 noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday at Smith Funeral Home with family members present to greet friends from 2 until 5 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Leroy E. Smith Memorial Fund, PO BOX 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

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**Obituaries**

**Leroy E. Smith**



He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Alice Smith of Grinnell; his daughters Nancy Van Wyk and Diane Emmert of Grinnell; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his brothers, Tom Smith of Brenham, Texas, and Rick Smith of Grinnell, and his sisters, Karen Rupe and Pam Willemssen of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Kenny Smith.

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He was born, the son of Amos and Mable Jones Smith, on Dec. 7, 1936, in Grinnell where he was raised and educated. He was united in marriage with Alice Roof on Aug. 9, 1958, at Grinnell Christian Church. He was a life-long resident of Grinnell and a mechanic at local car dealerships and auto body shops. He also worked at O'Reilly Auto Parts, Cunningham Drug and drove for Miracle Recreation.

Leroy was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club and a former member and officer of the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

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He was united in marriage to Alice Roof on Aug. 9, 1958, at the Christian Church in Grinnell. The couple was blessed with their two daughters, Nancy and Diane. He was a lifelong resident of Grinnell and he was a mechanic at local car dealerships and auto body shops. He also worked at O'Reilly Auto Parts, Cunningham Drug, and drove for Miracle Recreation in Grinnell.

Leroy was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club and a former member and officer of the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He dearly loved his family and cherished the time he had with his grandchildren. His enjoyments included working on car and boat motors, traveling with Alice on their motorcycles, fishing and camping every summer in Minnesota, and hunting squirrels, rabbits and mushrooms.

Leroy is survived by his wife of 50 years, Alice Smith of Grinnell; his daughters, Nancy Van Wyk and Diane Emmert, of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Todd Fortner of Clive, Kara Emmert of Creston, Mandy Emmert of Brooklyn, and Tait Emmert of Grinnell; two great-grandchildren, Gage Fortner and Chase Fortner of Grinnell; his brothers, Tom Smith of Brenham, Texas, and Rick Smith of Grinnell; and his sisters, Karen Rupe and Pam Willemsen of Grinnell.

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