

Roy Blagden

Roy Blagden, 72, of rural Malcom died Sunday, April 2, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lon Lewis, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist was Milton Severe. Pallbearers were Rod Criswell, Keith Davis, Cam Dhooge, Albert Lemke, Denny Reitzler and Merle Reitzler. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Fred and Cordia Blagden, he was born April 26, 1922, in Deep River. He was raised on the family farm and attended Montezuma High School. Following his education, he worked for the railroad and on pipeline construction. He later moved to Grinnell and worked as a driver for C&K Transfer and Grinnell Transport.

He was married to Shirley Clark Dec. 17, 1955, in Unionville, Mo. They lived in Grinnell where he worked as a warehouseman for Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. He retired in 1976, and the couple lived on an acreage near Malcom. For the past few years, he had assisted area farmers.

Surviving are his wife; his children, Sandra Roop of Marshalltown, Patricia Haines of Grinnell, Duane of Grinnell and David of Garwin; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Beatrice Rullman of Oakland, Calif., and Thelma Davis of Mount Pleasant. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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