

John C. Cran

John C. Cran, 61, of 1930 West St., Grinnell, died Sunday, May 4, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown, pending an autopsy.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Stephen Jasch officiating. Organist will be Margaret Amo. Burial will be at a later date.

He was born Jan. 18, 1936, at Humboldt to Albert and Lucille Pederson Cran. He was raised in Humboldt and graduated from high school there. He served in the U.S. Army and later graduated from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake.

He was married to Jean Claussen June 29, 1958, at Palmer. The couple lived in Des Moines where he worked for State Auto Insurance Co. In 1987 the family moved to Grinnell, and he was employed in the claims department of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co. until his retirement in 1995.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Elks Lodge and the Des Moines Optimists Club.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Lisa Hansman and Leslee Cran, both of Des Moines; one son, Chris of Des Moines; two grandchildren; two sisters, Alberta Olson of Humboldt and Jan Thompson of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Joe of War Road, Minn.; and his stepmother, Helen Cran of Fort Dodge.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Grinnell Community Day Care Center or to the American Heart Association.

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