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Kevin Lance Criswell, 51, of Grinnell died of cancer Wednesday, March 7, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Organist was Kathy McCune.

Pallbearers were Scott Anderson, Charlie Criswell, Kirby Criswell, Kevin Long, Nick Long and Tim Strobel. Honorary bearers were Denny Freeborn, Terry McDowell and Mick Reavis.

Members of the Iowa National Guard Color Guard conducted veteran's ceremonial rites at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Funeral services were held for Kevin Lance Criswell, 51, at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2001 at Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Music was provided by organist Kathy McCune and "Amazing Grace" and "Life's Railway To Heaven" on tape.

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Veterans Ceremonial Rites were performed by members of the Iowa National Guard Color Guard with Taps by Emily Kolbe.

Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The son of James Rex and Geraldine K. (French) Criswell, Kevin was born Nov. 25, 1949 in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and received his education in the Grinnell School District.

After his education he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and volunteered to go to Vietnam. While in Vietnam his courage and bravery earned him several medals and citations, including the Republic of Vietnam MUC Cross of Gallantry, Combat Action Ribbon and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. Upon discharge, Sergeant Criswell returned to Grinnell to make his home

and raise his family.

He was married to Marlys Anderson on August 1, 1968 in Grinnell and to this union two daughters, Robin and Ruth Ann, were born. Kevin was employed for many years with the United States Post Office in Grinnell. He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Izaak Walton League and Elks BPO Lodge #1270 in Grinnell.

Kevin held a passion for the outdoors, hunting, fishing and trapping. He enjoyed trips to Alaska, Minnesota and Canada, and while on a hunting trip to Georgia he bagged a state record deer, which currently stands. Kevin was at peace with his life in the country and its wildlife and was proud of the fact that he built his home from the ground up. He will be remembered for his integrity, friendship and hard work, but most importantly, for his love for his family.

Survivors include his "significant other," Kathy Fisher of rural Grinnell; two daughters, Robin K. Vos and Ruth Ann M. Morton, both of Pella; his parents, Rex and Jeri Criswell of Rock Creek Lake; two grandchildren, Reese Miller and Marlee Morton of Pella; two step-grandchildren, Ryan and Zachary Vos of Pella; one sister, Karla Long of Lincoln, Neb. and Kirby Criswell of Rock Creek Lake.

Kevin died March 7, 2001 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

The son of James Rex and Geraldine K. French Criswell, he was born Nov. 25, 1949 in Grinnell. He received his education in the Grinnell School District, then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and volunteered for duty in Vietnam. While serving there, he earned several medals and citations, including the Republic of Vietnam MUC Cross of Gallantry, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. Following his honorable discharge as a sergeant, he returned to Grinnell. He was married to Marlys Anderson Aug. 1, 1968 in Grinnell. Mr. Criswell was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Grinnell. He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Izaak Walton League and BPO Elks Lodge No. 1270. Survivors are his "significant other," Kathy Fisher of rural Grinnell; two daughters, Robin K. Vos and Ruth Ann M. Morton, both of Pella; his parents, two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; one sister, Karla Long of Lincoln, Neb.; and one brother, Kirby of Rock Creek Lake. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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