

Howard E. Dvorak

Howard E. Dvorak, 75, of Grinnell died Friday, Oct. 5, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Zirkelbach, pastor of Grace Community Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers were Garold, Zack and Nick Nelson; John Latcham; Jerry Baltisberger; and Fred Van Ervelde. Honorary bearers were Jodi Wrede, Abbi Nelson, Chuck and Amanda Stevens, and Art Grosenbach.

Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Emil and Agnes Dubisar Dvorak, he was born June 29, 1926, in Eden Prairie, Minn. He was raised and educated there. Mr. Dvorak served with the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II.

He was married to Betty Schedin Nov. 5, 1949, in Minnetonka, Minn. They lived in Hopkins, Minn., where he was employed by Farmhand. In 1969, he was transferred to the Farmhand facility in Grinnell where he held a supervisory position until his retirement in 1994.

He then worked for Oakland Acres Golf Course, Otley Seed Corn Co. and, most recently, as groundskeeper at the Interstate 80 rest area near Grinnell.

Surviving are two sons, Gary of Marshalltown and Mike of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.; one daughter, Diane Nelson of Grinnell; his longtime companion, Karen Stevens; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Bob; and one sister, Betty Lou Dvorak.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Howard E. Dvorak Memorial Fund for the betterment of Rock Creek State Park, or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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