

## Richard Fricke



Richard L. Fricke, 65, of Gilman died Friday, Nov. 16, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Casket bearers will be his sons, Morris, Mitch, Matthew, Mark, Martin and Marvin. Burial will be at Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. The family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

He was born March 6, 1936, in State Center to Hiram and Leona Mushick Fricke. He was raised near Tama and attended rural school. He was a 1954 graduate of Tama High School.

He was married to Marilyn Vileta, and the couple farmed near Tama. The marriage ended in divorce. He was married to Roberta Klenk in 1969.

Mr. Fricke was a police officer in Nashua, Tama, State Center, Hartford and Marshalltown. He retired in 1998 but worked part time as a security officer for Monsanto, Inc., near Grinnell.

Surviving are his wife; seven sons, Mike of Omaha, Neb., Morris, Martin and Marvin, all of Gilman, Mitch of Tama Matthew of Fredericksburg, Ohio, and Mark of Saucier, Miss.; four daughters, Michelle, Curphy and Melinda Fricke, both of Gilman, and Marsha and Maflene Fricke, both of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and two brothers, Walter of Marshalltown and Ronald of Vancouver, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Leona Ann and Melissa Sue Fricke.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Richard Fricke Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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