

Robert E. Gilliland

Robert E. Gilliland, 53, of 1300 Southeast Watrous St., Des Moines, formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, Dec. 7, at Des Moines General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Donald Otto of Des Moines officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers were Robert Hunter, Bill Haines Jr., Tom Houge, John Sampson, Gene Shook and Michael Romore. Honorary bearers were Charles, John and William Gilliland, John Gilliland, Larry Otto, Jim Ruchti and William Gilliland. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was the son of Hugh and Mary Stull Gilliland and was born April 6, 1942, in Grinnell. He attended Grinnell schools. He served with the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965, then returned to Grinnell and worked for the Amana Corporation and the Monfort Company.

He was married to Bonnie Shook April 2, 1977, in Unionville, Mo. The couple had lived in Des Moines since November 1994.

Mr. Gilliland is survived by his wife; two children, Dawn and Robert, both of Des Moines; his mother, Mary Gilliland of Grinnell; two sisters, Alice Johnson of Grinnell and Rose Shockey of Newton; and three brothers, Charles and William, both of Grinnell, and John of Marshalltown.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Hugh Jr.

H. R. December 11, 1995