

## David S. Gray, 59

David S. Gray, 59, of Searsboro, died on April 22, 1997 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 26, at the First Friends Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Bob Zirkelbach of the Grace Community Church in Grinnell and Rev. Keith Briggs from the First Friends Church in Grinnell, officiating. Pianist Kathy Vanderploeg accompanied soloist Rev. Tim Sigler on musical selections "Day by Day" and "Be Thou My Vision". The congregation hymn was "Great As Thy Faithfulness". Honorary casket bearers were Gary Campbell, Ed Huyser, Karl Kuehner, Bob Reiley, Howard Rhinehart and Hubert Riglin. Casket bearers were Dennis Arthur, Ralph Bohstedt, Dave DeVilder, Kenton Elliott, Woody Holt, Norm Huyser, Ron Savage and Jack Sharer. advanced degree work at San Diego State University.

He was married to Sandra McHenry on January 20, 1968, in LaMesa, California, and the couple returned to Searsboro in 1971. He was involved in farming and

began working as a substitute rural mail carrier in 1974. He became a full time rural mail carrier in the Sully area in 1978 and in the Grinnell area in 1987. Most recently, he was attending graduate school part-time at Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Ankeny, and he received his pilot's license in 1996. Stan was a member of the Grace Community Church in Grinnell and had taught adult Sunday School for a number of years. He served on the Lynnville Community Telephone Board and was president of the Jasper County Rural Carriers. He was a man of many interests and abilities. He loved hunting and fishing, canoeing, gardening, photography, and auto mechanical work. His delight was to study and teach the word of God and he achieved his dream of building his own home in 1980. He enjoyed traveling, was an avid

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice and/or Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell was in charge of the arrangements.

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David Stanley Gray, 59, of Searsboro died Tuesday, April 22, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the First Friends Church of Grinnell, with the Rev. Bob Zirkelbach of Grace Community Church, Grinnell, and Keith Briggs of First Friends Church officiating. Pianist was Kathy Vanderploeg, and soloist was the Rev. Tim Sigler.

Pallbearers were Dennis Arthur, Ralph Bohstedt, Dave DeVilder, Kenton Elliott, Woody Holt, Norm Huyser, Ron Savage and Jack Sharer. Honorary bearers were Gary Campbell, Ed Huyser, Karl Kuehner, Bob Reiley, Howard Rhinehart and Hubert Riglin.

Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Lynnville, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of William W. and Susanna Mae Meredith Gray, he was born April 15, 1938, in Steubenville, Ohio. In 1949 he moved with his family to the Meredith family farm near Searsboro. He was a 1956 graduate of Searsboro High School and a 1960 graduate of Iowa State University.

In 1961, he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy and served as a naval aviator radar in-flight controller on the USS Yorktown and, later, the USS Hornet. He also was an instructor in the Navy Survival School, San Diego, Calif.

Following his discharge in 1966, he remained in San Diego and pursued advanced degree work at San Diego State University.

He was married to Sandra McHenry Jan. 20, 1968, in LaMesa, Calif. The couple returned to Searsboro in 1971. Mr. Gray was involved in farming and was employed by the U.S. Postal service as a mail carrier. He also attended graduate school part time at Faith Baptist College and Seminary in Ankeny.

He was a member of Grace Community Church and had taught adult Sunday school for several years. He served on the Lynnville Community Telephone Board and was president of the Jasper County Rural Carriers Association.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Tim of Ames and Dave of Des Moines; one grandchild; one brother, Robin of Searsboro; and one sister, Susan Reiley of Great Falls, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, William.

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