

Robert E. Hobbs, 70

Robert E. Hobbs, 70, of Barnes City, died Friday, Jan. 10, 1997, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center at Grinnell.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Watts Funeral Home. The eulogy was given by Mr. Daniel Bru, Legion Commander for American Legion Post No. 169. Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey, organist, accompanied vocalist Rhonda Minner. Music selections were "Amazing Grace", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Peace in the Valley", and "Church in the Wildwood". Honorary casket bearers were Dale Watts, Ron Hedrick, Junior Freeborn, Bill Bushong, Don Urfer, Dennis Johnston and Howard Johnston. Casket bearers were Rick Taylor, Dennis Meldrem, John Griffin, Bill Gregory, Marvin Dayton and Marvin Ehret. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery. Military rites were performed by members of the Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169.

Robert Earl Hobbs was born October 30, 1926, near Kellogg, the son of William Guy and Gertie Mae (McGee) Hobbs. He attended school at Grinnell. He drove a truck for Rock Island Motor Transit Co. in Des Moines from 1942 to 1945. On April 24, 1946, he enlisted in the Army at Kobe, Honshu, Japan. He was a truck driver and was honorably discharged as a sergeant on April 23, 1949, at Fort Monroe, Virginia. On November

4, 1950, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ann Rhoads at Oskaloosa. To this union five children were born. After their marriage, they lived at Hills, where Robert was a carpenter. He worked for various farmers at Grinnell and Laurel before moving to Montezuma. He worked several years as a farm hand for Ralph Phillips before retiring in 1988. He had been working part time for Poweshiek Farm Service in Montezuma. He was a member of the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 in Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronald Lee Hobbs on June 12, 1972; and three brothers, Harold, Albert Lee and Ike.

Robert is survived by his wife, Ann of Barnes City; a daughter, Shirley Ann Cook of Barnes City; three sons, Dennis Eugene of Barnes City; Douglas Wayne and his wife, Robin of State Center; and Robert Earl Hobbs, Jr. of Barnes City; five grandchildren, Lindsey Beth-Ann Hobbs, Logan Wayne Hobbs, Latham Douglas Hobbs, Crystal Lynn-Marie Cook and Kathrine Lay-Lee Cook; four brothers, David, Garold, Roy and Kenny all of Newton; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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