

Robert E. Kelm

Robert E. Kelm, 55, of Rte. 4, Grinnell, died of a heart ailment Thursday, May 4, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

MAY 8, 1989
Funeral services were conducted Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Gerald Brown officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Marlene Gritsch. Pallbearers were Michael Latham, Walter Oltrogge, Melvin Puls, Franklin Reimers, David Schultz, Eldon Thompson, Dick Weiss and Jim Wise-carver.

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Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Graveside rites were conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

The son of Otto and Lydia Salzman Kelm, he was born July 18, 1933, at Iona, S.D. He attended rural school near Malcom and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1951. He also attended Wartburg College.

Mr. Kelm served with the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and also served for four years with the U.S. Air Force. While living in Grinnell he worked for the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, Montezuma and Grinnell Implement Stores, and, for the past 20 years, for Farmhand, Inc. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a brother, Leo of Grinnell; and a sister, Dorothy Straight of Kennewick, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Frank.