

Verlan Owens

Verlan J. Owens, 56, of Rte. 2, Grinnell, died at University Hospitals in Iowa City Thursday, Dec. 9, of burns he suffered in a house fire late Tuesday.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Kim and Joe Hern of Sundance, Wyo., officiating. Pallbearers were Russ Sadler, John Krumm, Gary Jones, Kenton Elliott, Lloyd Durr and Gary Durr. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery near Grinnell.

A memorial fund has been established. Contributions may be sent to: Verlan J. Owens Memorial Fund, c/o Smith Funeral Home, Box 368, Grinnell 50112.

The son of John and Fern Hagge Owens, he was born June 21, 1937, in Newton. He graduated from Newton High School in 1955.

He was married to Carol Guddendorf Jan. 1, 1960, in Newton. Mr. Owens worked for the Maytag Co. from 1955 to 1986. He was a former member of the Iowa National Guard, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge and the Eagles Lodge of Grinnell.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Jeff of Chariton and James of Grinnell; his mother, Fern Owens of Newton; and one sister, Helen Kloppenborg of Newton. He was preceded in death by his father.

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