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Gordon L. Dicke

Gordon L. Dicke, 73, of Grinnell died Sunday, June 13, 2004 in Des Moines.

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 17, at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, Pallbearers were Jim Buffum, Cory Cope, Rich Elliott, Tom Harris, Greg Kaisand and Mike Kriegel. Honorary bearers were Don Anderson, Butch Baetsle, Wayne Buster, Maynard Durr, Marvin Hamilton, Chuck McClure, Kenneth Paul and Dan Slagle. Burial was in Indianapolis Cemetery near What Cheer. Memorials may be made to the Gordon L. Dicke Memorial Fund.

The eldest of three sons, he was born Feb. 20, 1931, to Albert and Gladys Page Dicke at their farm home at Wauneta, Neb. He attended rural school, then graduated in 1947 from Stratton (Neb.) High School. He enlisted in 1950 in the United States Navy in which he served for four years. He was married in 1952 to Josephine D'Angelo. On June 19, 1975, he was married to Betty Jean Adams Kitzman in Benkleman, Neb. He was an optician for nearly 40 years and had practiced at Jensen Optometry in Grinnell for 15 years; with Langley Optical in Kansas City for five years and with Vista Optical in Washington, Iowa, for 14 years. He enjoyed his profession, especially working with children. He retired on Dec. 1, 1994, and the couple spent each winter in Donna, Texas.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, playing golf, playing cards, reading and solving crossword puzzles. He was a member of the American Legion, a 50-year member of the Eagles Lodge, Elks, KAABA Shrine in Davenport of which he was past president and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Grinnell; three daughters Cheryl Sturm

of Granger, Marcia Buck of Richmond, Texas, and Lisa Dicke-Rosenkranz of Lubbock, Texas; four stepchildren, Jeannine Bos of Thornburg, Jimmie Kitzman of Des Moines, Danny Kitzman of Sigourney and Steve Simpson of Des Moines; one brother Dean of Hamilton, Ohio; two grandchildren; six step grandchildren and one step great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Ken Dicke.