

Warner Steele



Warner Steele, 75, of Grinnell died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at his home.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 1, at Smith Funeral Home with Al Sandlin, pastor of the Grinnell Church of Christ, officiating. Music was by Tiffini and Tyne Steele. Pall bearers were Steve Clark, Howard McDonough and Billy, Greg, Kevin and Ronnie Steele. Honorary bearers were David Callahan, Keith Davis, Lawrence Ficek, Jim Jarding, Tim Richards, John Robson and Russ Sadler. Military rites were provided by members of the Grinnell American Legion with Josiah Brandt playing taps. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hazelwood Cemetery tree planting program.

He was born June 8, 1928, on a farm in Sullivan County near Milan, Mo., the son of William Glenn and Zulah June Davis Steele. He attended rural schools in Sullivan County and was a 1946 graduate of Milan High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was married on August 1, 1953, to Shirley Lou Lawrence in Milan. They moved to Grinnell where he was employed with the Maytag Company in Newton.

In 1957 he purchased the Shell Station which he operated until 1961 when he became manager of the Marengo Truckers Inn. He later purchased the Pioneer Oil Station in Grinnell and began a part-time landscaping business. From 1972 to 1977 he was employed at Farmhand, then established his own business, Warner's Landscaping with which he was still actively involved until the day of his death. He also was engaged for 40 years in snow removal. He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion, Grinnell Elks Lodge and Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Shirley; one son Terry and one daughter Cheri Monteleone, all of Grinnell; four granddaughters and one sister Dora Belle Clark of Kirksville, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister Ella Mae in infancy, and one brother Glenn Steele Jr.

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