

Carol Van Willigen

Carol Leroy Van Willigen, 68, of Lake Ponderosa, formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Keith Briggs, pastor of the Grinnell First Friends Church, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and soloist will be Milton Severe. Veterans ceremonial rites will be conducted by members of the American Legion.

The family will receive friends at the Grinnell American Legion following the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

The son of Saunder and Ila Meredith Van Willigen, he was born Dec. 2, 1927, in the Bethel community in Jasper County. He was raised in the Deep River area and was a 1946 graduate of Montezuma High School. He served with the U.S. Navy for 30 years, retiring in 1976 as master chief yeoman.

He was married to Rosemary Rake July 26, 1966, in Chicago. They moved to Grinnell in 1976. Mr. Van Willigen was an area supervisor for the ALCO discount store and retired in 1986. They moved to Lake Ponderosa in 1987.

He was a member of the Grinnell American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans Association.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Carlie Danielle Van Willigen of Silvis, Ill.; one son, Brian of Oskaloosa; two grandchildren; and one sister, Ida June Hodgson of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents.