

# DARREL LAMB

Grinnell



The Poweshielic County CR, Friday 02/07/2025

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Memorials may be designated to Shop with a Cop or to the Grinnell Policeman's Association, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Darrel's family online at [www.smithft.com](http://www.smithft.com).

Darrel Earnest Lamb, born on September 19, 1934, in Grinnell, Iowa, was the cherished son of Earl F. Lamb and Ruth Olive Lamb. Raised on the family farm near Malcom, Iowa, Darrel attended a nearby country school before graduating from Montezuma High School in the Class of 1952.

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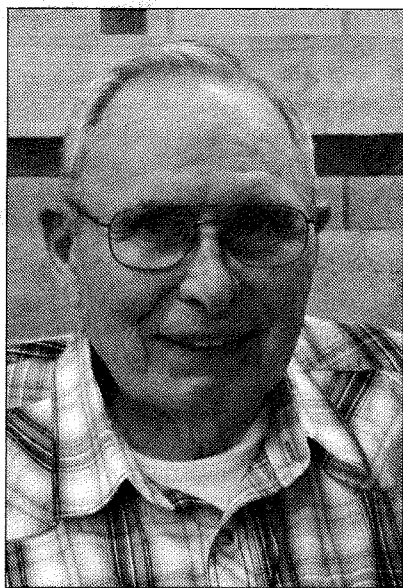
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