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Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Kenny was born Sept. 25, 1925, in Albia, the son of Adolf and Mary Howard Dutemple. He was raised in Albia and was a 1943 graduate of Albia High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy having served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

On Nov. 25, 1951, he was united in marriage with Frances Jean Love, in Albia. The couple made their home in Albia and he was employed with Briggs Ford. In 1963, they moved to Grinnell and he was the parts manager at Conner Motor and All Star Ford. He retired from the dealership in 1980 and then was employed with the Mayflower Community in the maintenance department. He retired from there in 1993.

Kenny was an active member and past commander of the Grinnell American Legion and had played taps for many military funerals. He was also a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Kenny was very devoted to his family and held a special love for his grandchildren; their activities were always important to him. He enjoyed lending his hand and support with family projects. He was a friend to everyone he met, enjoyed visiting with people and loved to sit outside his house with neighbors while smoking his pipe. He enjoyed a good joke, going on walks, and camping with family.

Survivors include four children; Pam (Duane) Blagden of Grinnell, Penny (Paul) Morris of Keota, Paula (Jeff) Kellogg of Tama, and Lonnie (Mike) Jensen of Cedar Falls; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his cat, Chester.

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Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 5:00 to 8:00 Tuesday evening.

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