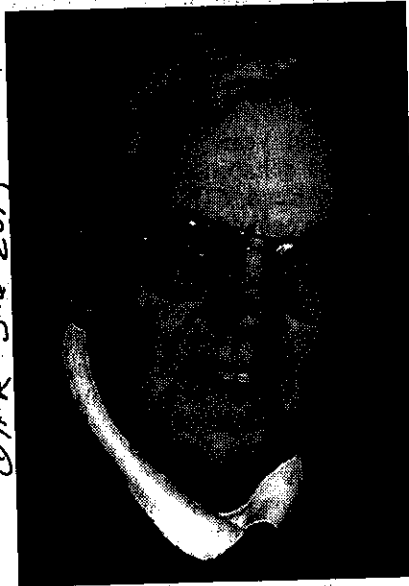


Dale L. Saunders, Sr.



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Dale L. Saunders, Sr., 75, of Newton and formerly of Grinnell, died Thursday, May 2, 2013, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 9, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton.

The family will greet friends from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, at the funeral home.

Memorials to Skiff Hospice may be left at the funeral home. Memorials may also be mailed to the funeral home, please add Attn: Saunders Family on the envelope.

Dale, the son of Raymond R. and Harriett Taylor Saunders, was born May 3, 1937 in Grinnell. He was a graduate of Marshalltown High School, with the Class of 1955.

On Nov. 10, 1957, Dale was united in marriage with Darienne "Dee" Miner in Grinnell. He worked 37 years for the Anderson Erickson Dairy in Des Moines, making home and wholesale deliveries, and he also drove a semi for them. Prior to and following his retirement from AE, he also drove school bus for the Newton Community School District for 50 years. Dale enjoyed being a part of the family race team, playing golf, camping, fishing, playing cards, and going to casinos.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Dee; son, Tim Saunders of Newton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his two brothers, Richard Saunders of Grinnell and Kenneth "Pepper" Saunders of Grinnell; and his sister, Kay Eker of Marshalltown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dale L. "Dudley" Saunders, Jr.; one grandson; his sister, Addie Samson; and two brothers, Charles and Raymond Saunders.