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Probasco rites are held today



Ronald Probasco

Ronald K. Probasco, 48, of rural Grinnell died Monday evening, May 18, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines of a heart condition. He was supervisor of transportation for the Grinnell-Newburg School District.

Funeral services for Ronald Probasco will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Sam Reaves of the Grinnell Assembly of God Church officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner and vocalist John Taylor.

Pallbearers will be Virgil Doud, Cyril Gallagher, Pat Gallagher, Kenneth Keenan, Allan Moyer and Richard Saunders.

Honorary pallbearers include administrators and transportation employees of the school

district. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Born July 18, 1932, in Unionville, Mo., he was the son of Noah and Eleanor Probasco. He attended King School in Putnam County, Mo.

On Feb. 10, 1951, he married Elaine Davis in Unionville. Following their marriage, the couple moved to the Albia area where he farmed. Later, they moved to the Grinnell area, where he worked for area farmers and Maytag Co. of Newton.

In 1956 he began his association with the school district.

After the death of his wife Elaine on Jan. 26, 1979, he married Donna Searbrough Ellert on Jan. 10, 1980. The couple made their home on the farm west of Grinnell.

Surviving him are his wife, Donna; five children, Mrs. Michael (Cathy) Shutts of Grinnell, Dale of Grinnell, Marty of Hartwick and Patsy and Lynn of Grinnell; three stepchildren, David, Kristen and Karen Ellert, all of the family home; and three brothers and three sisters, Raymond of Yakima, Wash., Floyd of Aurora, Colo., and Max, Yvonne McDonald, Dora Ellen Johnson and Janet Habbott, all of Unionville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and three brothers, Leland, Edward and Elchard.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Grinnell General Hospital special care unit and left at the Smith Funeral Home.