



Gary Smith

December 17, 1941

Visitation: 11:00 A.M. family present between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 P.M.
March 21, 2003 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Funeral Service: 1:30 P.m. March 22, 2003 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: McCormick Cemetery near Highland Center, Iowa

Mr. Smith was born December 17, 1941 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Walter and Alice Fairchild Smith. He was raised in Selma, Iowa. Gary was united in marriage to Karen Wilkinson July 14, 1961 at the Selma United Methodist Church. They lived in Ottumwa and moved to Hedrick in 1971. Gary was employed at Morrells in Ottumwa for 12 years until their closing in 1972. He began farming with Don Beck as well as with Glen Bakehouse, Kielkopf Inc., and Brian Emery. He began working for Vermeer Mfg. until ill health forced him to retire in 1998.

Mr. Smith is survived by his mother Alice Smith of Hedrick, his wife Karen, two daughters Debra and her husband Ralph Martin of LaGrange, Missouri, and Jacqueline and her husband Doug Eppard of Johnston, Iowa. Three grandsons, Tyler and Tucker Martin and Lincoln Eppard and one granddaughter; Bailey Eppard.

He was preceded in death by his father Walter Smith, and two brothers; Walter Eugene Smith in infancy, and Charles Eugene Smith who passed away February 20th, 1990.

Mr. Smith graduated from Selma High School in 1960.

Gary was a member of the Hedrick/Martinsburg United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Hedrick Lions Club.

Memorials may be made in his name to either the Hedrick/Martinsburg United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Wapello County.