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Robert K. Guthrie, 76

Robert K. Guthrie, 76, of 760 Stone Ridge Place, Dubuque, died Oct. 21, 2008, at his home.

Robert has chosen to donate his body for medical research to the University of Iowa School of Medicine.



There will be no services or visitation in Dubuque. The Behr Funeral Home, 1491 Main St., is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be in Edan Cemetery in Rhodes, at a later date. Memorials may be given to Hospice of Dubuque, 2255 Kennedy Road, Dubuque, IA 52002 and to Rhodes Methodist Church, Attn: Mary Ellen Grey, 345 E. Fremont, State Center, IA 50247. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.behrfuneralhome.com

He was born on Sept. 13, 1932, in Lime Springs, Iowa, the son of William B. and Dorothy K. (Cramer) Guthrie. Robert graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in Turkey for two years as a cargo plane pilot. Robert was executive vice president at Spahn & Rose Lumber Company.

He thoroughly enjoyed going to Door County, Wis., with his friends. In his younger days, Robert enjoyed golfing. Robert was a member of the Dubuque Shooting Club.

He is survived by three sisters-in-law, Helen Guthrie of Kingston, Okla., Ruth Guthrie of Mundelein, Ill. and Sheila Guthrie of Tibbetts, Mo.; nieces and nephews, Don Guthrie, Bob Guthrie, Kirk Guthrie, Cheryl Carley and Jennifer Goodell; and special friends, Frank Salwolke of Dubuque and Bill Klauer of Dubuque.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, William B. Guthrie, Kenneth E. Guthrie and Jack L. Guthrie.