He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On Nov. 13, 1948, he married Shirley G. Satre in Des Moines. The couple made their home in Grinnell, where he was employed at United Grocery Store. The couple moved to Cedar Falls in 1967, where he was employed as a representative of Flavor Kist Cookies. In 1969, he returned to Grinnell, where he owned and operated the United Grocery Store for a number of years. He was later employed at Fareway Grocery Store in Grinnell, retiring in 1997.

He was an active member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and a former member of both the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by two sons, David of Lees Summit, Mo., and Gregory of Marshalltown; five sisters, Hazel Brim, Ruth Mithelman, Margaret Osborn and Clara Halstead, all of Grinnell, and Sally Todd of Paulson, Mont.; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one sister, Bessie Wright; and four brothers, Alvin, Robert, Roy and Ray Bryan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the United Methodist Church in Grinnell.

William "Abe" Bryan, 77, of Grinnell died Friday, Sept. 12, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for William Bryan will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Music will be provided by Kathleen Heffner, organist, and Milton Severe, vocalist. Pallbearers will include Benjamin Bryan, Chris and Kurt Halstead, Sam Osborn, Robert Smith and Ralph Wilson; honorary bearers will be Harlan and Arlet Baustian, Gerald and Phyllis Carpenter and Harold and Pat Stebbins. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Charles A. and Mary Henry Bryan, he was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Grinnell. He was raised here and was a 1944 graduate of Grinnell High School.