Memorials may be made to the Gilman United Methodist Church.

He was born May 11, 1924, in Laurel to John and Ruth Otten Locker. He attended Laurel schools and served in the United States Marine Corps in the South Pacific Theater during World War II. He was married on April 19, 1946, to Gretchen Wiseman at her brother's home near Gilman. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm east of Gilman. They moved to Seeland Park in the spring of 2003.

He was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church, the Methodist Men's Club, the Gilman Lions Club and the Central Iowa Amateur Radio Association. He also was a past president of the Gilman School Board.

He is survived by his wife Gretchen Locker of Grinnell; one son Steven Locker of Nevada; three daughters Jeri Ryan of Atlantic, Carol Locker of Carol Stream, Ill., and Margaret Draffen of Reinbeck; five grandchildren, and two sisters, Doris Stineman of Marshalltown and Barbara Campbell of Marion. He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter Portia Diane Locker.