Kenneth Dean Hodgson, 77, a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 24, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown with interment following at the Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery. Condolences may be offered at www.mitchellsfh.com.

He was born April 8, 1933, in Montezuma, the son of Bruce Kenneth and Mabel Marie Tuttle Hodgson. He grew up in the Malcom/Grinnell area and in Des Moines. He was a 1951 graduate of Grinnell High School after which he entered the United States Army, serving for 22 years in Germany, Korea, Japan and Viet Nam, retiring in 1975.

He was united in marriage with Patricia Lee Smith in Buddtown, N.J. A family of five with her three sons, they resided in New Jersey, Malcom and Grinnell. He was employed at Wenco and Van Wyk Builders.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his sons Brian, Keith and Kenny; his siblings, Arlene Lamb of Malcom, Marlin Hodgson of Bay Springs, Miss.; Viola Anciaux of North English, Bruce Hodgson of Grinnell; Donna Cox of Newton; and Janice Van Wyke of Dallas, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.