George Edwin Nail, 87, of Des Moines, formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral service will be held Friday, May 1, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hamilton’s Funeral Home, 605 Lyon St., in Des Moines with burial at Rock Creek Cemetery, rural Grinnell.

Memorials may be made to the Grinnell American Legion Post.

He was born Aug. 6, 1921, in Harvey, Iowa, to George and Sulah Nail. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, in which he served from 1941 to 1944. He later was a member of Laborers’ Union, Local #377, retiring at the age of 62.

He is survived by his sons, Lee Nail of Waukee, Gregory Nail of Clive and Rick Nail of Ankeny; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ellen; his wife of 14 years, Helen; his brother, Orville, and his sisters, Lila, Mary and Edith.