Gene V. Ratcliff, 89, of Grinnell, formerly of Newton, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

No service is planned at this time.

The son of John Verlon and Eva Mae Bowen Ratcliff, he was born Jan. 23, 1921, in rural Lynnhill and was a graduate of Lynnhill High School. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He had resided in both Newton and Grinnell, having been employed with Getz Buick and Lauterbach Buick. He also owned Cardinal Trophies for several years. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He is survived by two daughters, Tyaria Ratcliff of Newton and Kathy Stoaks of Grinnell; one son, Mike Ratcliff of Newton; grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; and his sister, Betty Collum of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Walter and Roy Ratcliff; and two sisters, Roseman and Marilyn.