Keith Vosburg

Keith Vosburg, 83, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Sept. 28, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational, 927 Fourth Ave. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

The son of Glenn and Iva Stover Vosburg, he was born March 12, 1925, in Grinnell. He grew up in Gilman, graduating from its high school with the class of 1942. He attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon for one year.

After which he joined the United States Army, serving from 1943 to 1946. As a member of the 389th AAA Battalion, he served in New Guinea and Morotai Island, Halmahera.

He worked at Vosburg Lumber in Gilman until 1951, after which he was a partner in Vosburg Ice Cream Cottage until 1955. At that time the family moved to Grinnell where he joined the staff of Richardson-Phelps Lumber Co. He purchased the business in 1967 and established Vosburg Building Center from which he retired in 1995.

On Feb. 27, 1949, he was united in marriage with Wilma Love.

He was active in the Grinnell Jaycees; a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge; a 60-year member of the American Legion, and a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He was active in the Iowa Lumbermen’s Association and the Northwest Lumber Association. He also served one term on the Grinnell-Newburg School Board and was active on various boards at his church, the United Church of Christ-Congregational. He enjoyed fishing in Canada, army reunions, playing bridge and singing with the Grinnell Men’s Chorus.

He is survived by his wife Wilma of Grinnell; one son Bill Vosburg of Grinnell; two daughters, Lynn Pelisek of Madrid, Iowa, and Nancy Vosburg of DeLand, Fla.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Maurice Vosburg of Hampton and Gail Vosburg of Surprise, Ariz.