Bob King, 80

Bob King, 80, of Grinnell, died Jan. 26, 2011, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Deacon Diane Eberhart, Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Keith Rose, Steve King, Kevin "Bodie" King, Anne King, Shane Rose, Erika Rose, Tandy King. Trevor Slycord, Whitney King and Jordan King. Honorary bearers were Joe Clark, Pete Cline, and Sara, Darci, Paige and Wyatt Rose. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Odd Fellows Lodge or JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

Bob was born May 1, 1930, on the family farm, near Grinnell, the son of Benjamin Arthur and Frances Broders King. He was raised on the farm and received his education in the Grinnell School District. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Korean Conflict.

On July 28, 1951, he was united in marriage to Vivian Irene Doty, in Harwick. The couple lived in Grinnell and he was employed at the Grinnell Shoe Factory. After his tour of duty in Korea, he returned to Grinnell and co-owned C & K Transfer. He was employed there for 29 years and retired due to health reasons. He later was employed in the security department at Grinnell College for several years.

Bob was a 50-year member of the Grinnell Odd Fellows and a member of the Grinnell American Legion. He enjoyed woodworking and refinishing furniture, bowling, fishing in Canada, collecting things, and his word find puzzles. His family was very important to him and for many years he enjoyed following his family in their various sporting activities.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian King of Grinnell; three children, Katherine (Keith) Rose of Grinnell, Steve (Bonnie Ryan) King of Newton, and Kevin "Bodie" (Anne) King of Cedar Rapids; two sisters, Lois Kasal, of Brooklyn and Blanche (Floyd "Shorty") Manfull, of Montour; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Karla King; one brother, Raymond King; and one sister, Lona DeBondt.