Alfred (Rod) Martens, 77, of Davenport, formerly of Grinnell, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, at his home. A funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 31, at Edgewood Baptist Church in Rock Island, Ill., with the Rev. Tim Green officiating. Interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery in West Liberty. Memorials may be made to his family.

He was born in Grinnell, the son of Alfred and Mildred Martens. He worked in West Liberty for the Rock Island Lines from 1955 to 1979. He was united in marriage with Rita Mitchell on Nov. 1, 1958. He worked at John Deere until 1988 when he joined his son Brook Martens in business as co-owner of A&H Dynamics in Rock Island, Ill.

He was a member of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees. He is survived by his daughter Pam of Moline, Ill.; his son Brook of Colonia, Ill.; his sisters, Harriet Wiese-carver of Malcom and Carol Peters of Brooklyn; and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by his wife Rita and his parents.

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