Robert (Bob) Peters

Following the war he returned to the United States where he became an instructor to navigator candidates. During the Korean Conflict he flew an additional 33 combat missions until his last mission on Dec. 4, 1951.

He was a highly decorated veteran whose combat ribbons included two Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

He retired from the air force in July 1967 while stationed at Oxnard Air Force Base in Camarillo, Calif. In recent years he was an active member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.

Following his military career, he spent 25 years as an appraiser with the Ventura County Assessor’s Office in California while residing in Camarillo, Calif. He and his wife moved to Grinnell in September, 1991.

He is survived by his wife Mimi Peters of Grinnell; one son Steven Peters of Lancaster, Calif.; two daughters, Rhonda Whitehead of Grinnell and Robyn Buenz of Prior Lake, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, William Robert Peters; his parents; and one sister, Anne Rohr.

Robert W. Peters


A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.