R. John Eickelberg

Ralph John Eickelberg, 81, of Iowa City, and formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, November 12, at his home in Iowa City. A memorial open house hosted by the Eickelberg children will be held at Grinnell House, 1600 Park St., on Friday, November 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers or memorial gifts, the family would simply enjoy your presence.

Mr. Eickelberg was born June 14, 1930, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Ralph S. and Florence Landgraf Eickelberg. He graduated from Waterloo East High School in 1948 and attended Grinnell College. He married Shirley Gormly Eickelberg on December 24, 1948, and they were married for 24 years. Mr. Eickelberg had a career in finance until his retirement on March 21, 1989.

He is survived by his sister, Ruth Spencer of Centerville; his children Terry (Sheryl) Eickelberg of Adel, Phoebe (Mike) O’Connor of Centerville, Susie (Art) Johnson of Grinnell, Nancy Baumgartner of Grinnell, Julie (Fred) Reed of Johnston, Peg (Randy) Haueter of Iowa City, Ted (Jenelle) Eickelberg of New Braunfels, TX and Sarah (Bob) Jameson of Cincinnati, OH; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Phoebe Kyle and Dorothy Balster.

The family will hold a private memorial service and committal of ashes at a future date.