Robert N. Thompson, 82, of Grinnell and formerly of Gilman, died on Saturday, March 3, 2012, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday, March 7, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. David Easley officiating. Interment with military rites was in Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to Diamond Trail Children’s Center, PO Box 146, Lynnville, Iowa 50513. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Bob was born on May 24, 1929, in Grinnell to George and Nettie Drake Thompson. He was raised near Grinnell and attended Frog Pond country grade school near Lynnville.

He honorably served in the United States Army from 1951 until 1953 during the Korean Conflict. On Dec. 17, 1955, he was united in marriage with Marilyn “Jean” Schumann in Oskaloosa. The couple lived in Marshalltown, Laurel, and later moved south of Grinnell before retiring in Gilman. He worked at Lennox Foundry in Marshalltown and later farmed south of Grinnell and also worked at Midwest Manufacturing in Kellogg. He began working for the City of Gilman in 1974 and retired in 1992.

Bob enjoyed hunting in his younger days. His faith and his family were important to him.

Bob is survived by his daughters, Vickie Thompson of Powell, Ohio, and Sammi Bryan of Lynnville; two grandchildren; one great granddaughter; a sister, Ann Schuele of Maryville, Tenn.; and several other relations.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 2011; and his brother, Lowell Thompson.