Walter F. Bond Sr.

Walter F. Bond Sr., 78, of Malcom, died on Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at his home.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Keith Morrison, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Casket bearers were Andrew Bond, Bobby Bond, Dennis Bond Jr., Wayne Kinder, Daniel Wadhams, Eric Wadhams and Evan Wadhams. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday at Sunset Memorial Garden in Des Moines.

Walter was born on Jan. 5, 1934, in Cincinnati, Iowa to Charles and Edna Shadden Bond. He was raised in Cincinnati and graduated from Cincinnati High School with the Class of 1952. During the Korean Conflict, he served with the United States Army.

On June 9, 1953, he was married to Jeraldine Ervin in Creston. The couple lived in Des Moines and he worked as a conductor and brakeman for the Rock Island Railroad. In 1972, the family moved to Malcom and he was employed at Tyson Feed and Grain in Montezuma and for Swift and Company.

Walter enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with his family. He was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears and Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Survivors include his wife, Jeraldine Bond of Malcom; two sons, Walter Bond Jr. of Mason City and Dennis Bond of Guernsey; three sisters, Penny Kinder of Waterloo, S.C., Leanna Champlin of Anchorage, Alaska and Edna Bond of Deloit, Iowa; 17 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; two brothers, Marvin Bond of Sheridan, Ind., and Bryce Bond of Rockford, Ill.; and two sisters, Charlene Guffey and Josephine Hayden, both of Rockford, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ruth Bond; and three grandsons.