Forrest B. Young, 87, of Grinnell, formerly of Chico, Calif., died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

A memorial service was held Wednesday in Carman Center at Mayflower. Memorials may be sent to the Forrest B. Young Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be submitted to the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving as a fighter pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He served first in the Aleutian Islands before supporting the D-Day Invasion into France. In November, 1944, his Spitfire plane was shot down and he spent the last six months of the war in a POW camp in Germany.

He is survived by his son and daughter, Robert Young of Savage, Minn., Richard (Robin) Young of Grinnell, and Lori (Jeff) Young of San Francisco, Calif., three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.