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Delbert J. Havel, 84, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. Services were held June 29, at the Grinnell Christian Church. A flag presentation was conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, James Havel, Craig Havel, Crystal Havel, Colten Havel, Carly Havel, Holly Deserano, Tristan Deserano, Maria Havel and Sawyer Havel. Cremation will follow the service at the Smith Cremation Center in Grinnell. Memorial will be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife, Carol J. Powell of Grinnell; four children, Stanley (Barbara) Havel, Janet Havel and Jeffrey (Jean) Havel, all of Grinnell and Richard (Deb) Havel of Solon; eight grandchildren; one great grandson; two brothers, Norman Havel of Prairie City, and Kenneth Havel of Grundy Center; and one sister, Alma Tisinger of Iowa City.

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Delbert was born on Jan. 17, 1929, in Washington, Iowa, to Richard and Matilda Lasek Havel. He was raised in Washington and graduated from Washington High School. Following his education he entered the United States Army and was stationed in Alaska during the Korean Conflict. On June 20, 1954, he married Carol J. Powell in Lancaster, Missouri. The couple lived near Washington and operated a grain and livestock farm. Later they lived in the Montezuma and Malcom areas and he worked for the Malcom Elevator and the Cargil Company. They moved to Grinnell in 1985 and he retired in 1993.

Delbert enjoyed gardening, woodworking, cooking and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Kansas City Chiefs. He also adored his family and spending time with them.

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