Lloyd A. Smith, 81, of Grinnell, died Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 16, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Keith Morrison, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Pianist was William Tinker. Casket bearers were Rick Mull, Loren Olson, Bob Robinson, Kyle Smith, Brent Smith and Curtis Smith. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit conducted military honors. Internment was at the Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Lloyd A. Smith Memorial Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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Lloyd began his teaching career in 1958 at Lamoni and later taught at Farmington and the Lyndonville-Sully School District before moving to the Grinnell area to teach vocational-agriculture at the Grinnell High School. He was the Future Farmers of America advisor for each community he worked in. During his tenure in Grinnell, FFA remodeled an old school bus and traveled to Colorado and also converted a trailer into a concession stand and used it at various functions in central Iowa to earn money for their club. Lloyd enjoyed being outdoors, fixing and building things, and in later years, his hobby of restoring old tractors, especially Allis-Chalmers and Minneapolis Moline, filled his days. He also helped his wife in her ceramic business and traveled to many shows with her.

Survivors include his wife, Inez; two sons, Douglas Smith of Grinnell and Keith Smith of Elk Grove, Calif.; three grandsons; one great grandson; one brother, Dave Smith of New Virginia, Iowa; and four sisters, Lorene Olson of Lucas, Vivian Smith of Chantol, Macy Harlow of Frazee, Va., and Margaret Lisle of Bethany, Mo.

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