Montie Leon Hammond was born on August 26, 1931, in Grinnell, Iowa to Andy and Zola (Schreyer) Hammond. He was raised on the family farm near Beaman and he graduated from Beaman High School in 1949. He was a gifted athlete and was nominated All-State in basketball while playing at Beaman High School.

He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Howard on Oct. 23, 1949, in Grundy Center. They farmed near Conrad until 1959, and then moved to Grinnell, where they owned and operated Wayne's Steak House. A few years later, they purchased Farmers Exchange Company and Grinnell Feed and Grain. He then managed the Malcom Cooperative for nine years before managing the Lime Springs Cooperative in Lime Springs. Upon his retirement from agriculture, Montie was involved in banking and real estate.

Montie was a long-time member of the Grinnell Golf and Country Club and the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He served on the St. Francis Manor Foundation board and was past president of the United Suppliers Company board. He held a passion for flying and acquired his pilot's license at a young age. His enjoyments included playing golf, fishing, pleasant hunting, swimming with his grandchildren in the pool house he and Betty built on the family farm, and going to Palm Desert, Calif., in the winter months.

Montie is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty J. Hammond of Grinnell; his son, Rick (Valerie) Hammond of Grinnell; two grandsons, Travis (Krist) Hammond of Haslet, Texas, and Tim (Colleen Schmitt) Hammond of Grinnell; one granddaughter, Tanya (Anthony) Green of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; five great grandchildren, Whitney (C.J.), Emily, Cristiano, Densil, and Lilly; one great great granddaughter, Audrey; and one brother, Veryl Hammond of Eldora, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Delos Hammond.