Harry McMains Taylor, 90 of Grinnell, died Jan. 31, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Dr. Dondrea Walker, Sr. First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Denise Baustian and vocalist Milton Severe. Honorary bearers were John Benson, Chris and Rodney Dale, Mark Horine and Jeffrey. John and Tom Taylor. Burial was at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 7, at the Derby Cemetery, Derby.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

Harry was born April 23, 1923, in Derby, the son of Carl E. and Erma McMains Taylor. He grew up in Derby and was a 1941 graduate of Derby High School. Following high school, he worked on the family farm and was employed at a local general store. He later was a 1951 graduate of William Penn College in Oskaloosa.

He was employed for 35 years at Grinnell Mutual Re-Insurance Company and had traveled throughout the state as an insurance adjustor. He was an active member of the Grinnell Rotary Club and First Baptist Church. He made his home for 14 years on the Jacob Krumm Preserve, west of Grinnell and later in Grinnell. After he retired, he enjoyed wintering in Edinburgh, Texas, and while there he was active with a local church in his retirement village.

On Oct. 24, 1992, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Dale of Embarrass, Minn., and the couple lived in Grinnell during the summers and Edinburgh in the winters. Following her death on Oct. 9, 2000, he was married to Asenath “Senie” Glascock of Greenfield, Ind. in 2002, and they also enjoyed living in Grinnell and Edinburgh. She passed away on Sept. 12, 2012.

Harry was a person of principle and held a great love for his family. He held a passion for nature and while living on the Krumm Nature Preserve he was well educated as a naturalist. He enjoyed history, reading and gardening. The vegetables he gardened were raised to share with family and friends. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and enjoyed talking about the games they played.

Survivors include his brother, David (Ruth) Taylor of Centerville; a sister-in-law, Audrey Taylor of Chariton; three nieces; three nephews; and 12 step-children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Evelyn and second wife, Senie; and one brother, Carl Taylor.

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