Clyde G. German of Buckeye, Ariz., formerly of Grinnell, died March 8, 2014, from Alzheimer’s disease.

A military ceremony, funeral and burial, was conducted at the National VA Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix on Thursday, March 13. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org).

Clyde was born Dec. 20, 1928, in Grinnell, the son of George J. and Fidelia M. German. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1948 where he was a three-sport athlete. After high school, he attended the University of Iowa prior to entering the Air Force in 1950. He was discharged from the Air Force in 1953. On Nov. 22, 1953, he married Ada McQuiston of Riverside, Calif.

After his discharge from the military, Clyde worked briefly for North American Aviation Flight Test Center in Palmdale, Calif., before starting a 30-year career with the U.S. Postal Service at Grant’s Pass, Ore., and then retiring from the Phoenix facility in 1988.

Clyde enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and RVing, but most of all enjoyed his growing family.

He is survived by his wife, Ada, with whom he celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last November; two daughters, Kathy Copeland of Buckeye, Ariz., and Linda Cheever of Athol, Idaho; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Larry German and Hugh German, both of Grinnell.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Katherine Mercedes German, and a brother Gerald M. German.