Robert Hoisington

Robert Hoisington, 89, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Kirsten Klepfer, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was provided by Al Ricks, organist, and Rich Thorson, vocalist. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Clara Fishback, Robert Hoisington, John Hoisington, Curtis Keenan, Heather Lietz, Kelly Snyder and Dianna Tatum. Honorary bearers were his great grandchildren, Zachary Keenan, Tyler Keenan, Noah Keenan, Jacob Lietz, Austin Keenan, Richard Hoisington II, John Michael Hoisington, Mary Katherine Hoisington, Dresden Fishback, Everly Hoisington, Peyton Tatum and Avery Tatum. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit will provide military honors.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to either the First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell or to the Second Mile.

Robert was born on Jan. 21, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., to Robert R. and Ethel Schweikel Hoisington. The family moved to Dimondale, Mich. and he graduated from Dimondale High School. Following his education he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the South Pacific.

On June 12, 1948, he married Kathryn Bott in Dimondale. The couple lived in Michigan until moving to Grinnell in 1963. He was employed by Goodyear Tire Company as an area sales/service representative. In 1969, the couple moved to Sturgis, Mich. and he continued to work for the Goodyear Company. In 1991, he retired and the couple relocated to Grinnell to make their home.

Robert was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell, the American Legion and the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He enjoyed working in his yard and tending to his garden. He also enjoyed woodworking and creating rocking horses for his great grandchildren and wooden pieces for family homes and his church.

Survivors include his wife of more than 65 years; one son, Richard Hoisington of Burlington; two daughters, Susan Keenan and Sylvia Snyder, both of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Jean Hoisington and Beverly Hall.