Lotus A. Goodrich, 94, of Malcom, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the Lantern Park Nursing and Rehab Center in Coralville.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 10, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Keith Carlson officiating. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Nate Goodrich, Todd Goodrich, Stacy Raines, Tony Goodrich, Jennifer Rubino, Andy Ross, Jason Ross and Molly Ostby. Interment was at the Ivy Hill Cemetery near Malcom.

Memorials may be directed to the Malcom Fire Department or to the Malcom Presbyterian Women’s Association and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Lotus was born on Nov. 9, 1919, at Malcom, to Charles and Harriet Garretson Goodrich. He was raised at Malcom and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the Class of 1936.

On Aug. 31, 1941, he was united in marriage to Irene Richman at her parent’s home in Brooklyn. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm near Malcom until their retirement in 1981. Following their retirement, they moved into the community of Malcom.

Lotus enjoyed gardening, sharing his produce, canning tomatoes, fishing, playing cards with family and telling a good joke. His greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Larry (Darlene) Goodrich of Gravois Mills, Mo.; one daughter, Marla (Wayne) Ross of Brooklyn; his daughter-in-law, Lynda Goodrich of Johnston; eight grandchildren; and 28 great grandchildren.

Lotus was preceded in death by his wife; his son, Thomas; one grandson, Brad Goodrich; three brothers, Virgil, Charles and Marion Goodrich; and three sisters, Olevia Lidka, Xavie Richman and Viola Heath.