Gordon D. Felper, 80, of Grinnell, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell. A private family burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery near Lynnville. The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is handling arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the University of Iowa Foundation.

Gordon was born on July 18, 1934, in Grinnell, to Lyle and Genevieve Vogt Felper. He grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1952. He also attended the University of Iowa. From 1953 to 1955, he served with the United States Army. Following his discharge from the military, he returned to Grinnell and managed Brown's Shoe Fit and worked for the General Telephone Company of the Midwest.

On April 8, 1977, he married Evelyn Brown Arthur in Grinnell. The couple lived in Searsboro and they owned and operated the Longhorn Restaurant in Grinnell. He has resided at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell for the past few years.

Gordon was a member of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, the Elks Lodge, the Eagles Club and the American Legion. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, softball, dancing and playing cards. He enjoyed singing in the United Methodist choir and supporting the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Felper, of Grinnell; two daughters, Sheri Wilson of Grinnell and Jennifer Lott; his step children, Carolyn Taylor, Warren Arthur and Martha Nieland, all of Cedar Rapids, Steven Arthur and Boyd Arthur, both of Lynnville, and Neil Arthur of Sterling, Alaska; 14 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; and his twin sisters, Maxine Smith of Rochester, Minn., and Marjorie Hajeck of Lake St. Louis, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.