Burt Day, 81, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the United Church of Christ - Congregational in Grinnell with the Rev. Cameron Barr, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be provided by Dr. William Tinker, organist, and Milton Sever, vocalist. Casket Bearers will be Steve Day, John Aronson, Russ Crawford, Galyn Gohlmann, Doug Kintzinger, Stuart Kintzinger, Mike Mahaffey, and Gary Reed. A flag presentation will be conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Brighton, Iowa.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Mayflower Community or to St. Francis Manor and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon on Monday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

Burt was born on November 28, 1933, in Brighton, Iowa, to Wilbur and Isabelle Kilgore Day. He was raised on the family farm and attended the Pleasant Valley Country School. He graduated with the Class of 1951 from Brighton High School and later received a BA Degree in animal husbandry from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

On October 3, 1954, he was united in marriage to Florine Mae Keifer in Des Moines, Iowa, and to this marriage was born one son, Steven. From 1957 to 1960, he served with the U.S. Army in the Fifth Missile Battalion, First Artillery in Germany. He returned to Iowa in 1961 and began his banking career with the banks in Clarion, Keokuk and Center Pointe. In 1977, he and his brother purchased the Benton County Savings Bank in Norway, Iowa. He later opened Day Realty and Insurance Services. Florine passed away on November 29, 1983, and he was married to Nancy Thompson Aronson on August 1, 1987, in Marion, Iowa. The couple lived in Norway and she died on February 6, 2002. Burt was married to Jewel Kintzinger on April 29, 2005, in Grinnell. Burt and Jewel enjoyed their seasonal homes in Grinnell and North Redington Beach, Florida.

He was active in many community and service organizations during his lifetime. In 1982, Gov. Robert Ray appointed him to the Iowa Higher Education Loan Authority Board, which assists Iowa's private colleges and their students. Burt also served with the Central Committee of the Iowa Republican Party for five years.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Kintzinger Day of Grinnell; his son, Steven (Christine) Day of San Francisco; his step children and step grandchildren; his sister, Isabelle Holland of Des Moines; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Florine and Nancy; and four brothers, David, William, Richard and John Day.