Robert Braaksma was 90, formerly of Lynnville and rural New Sharon, died Sunday morning, Jan. 10, 2016, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Lynnville Friends Church. Burial will be held in the Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell Regional Hospice, Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Robert “Bob” Braaksma, the son of John and Carrie (Van Wyk) Braaksma, was born the oldest of ten children on July 1, 1925, in rural Sully. He attended country school in the Lynnville area. On Jan. 7, 1947, Bob was united in marriage to Jennett Williams at her home in rural Taintor and they had three sons.

Bob worked as a farmer and later was a fisherman, taking several fishing trips to Canada. Bob was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church. He was on the Lynnville Telephone Board, the Poweshiek County Fair Board and was a Swine Supervisor.

He is survived by his sons Gene Braaksma, Curtis Braaksma and Bob Braaksma, all of Lynnville; stepchildren, Dale DeHoedt, Dean DeHoedt and Diane DeHoedt; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Larry Braaksma of Newton; and two sisters, Frances Enyart of Georgia and Leona Nielsen of Chariton.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; a grandson, brothers Gysbert “Bud” Braaksma, Carroll “Butch” Braaksma, Louis Braaksma and Wayne Braaksma, and two sisters, Viola Mae and Gertrude Hites.