John William Budding, age 90, took his final journey to be with the Lord on January 9, 2016, with family by his side.

He was born on November 9, 1925, in Sully, Iowa, to Joseph Herman and Anna Marie (Van Engelenberg) Budding.

John grew up in the Lynville and Searsboro area with seven brothers and sisters. He graduated from Searsboro Consolidated High School, class of 1944. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served on two United States naval ships, the USS Gurke (DD-783) and the USS McKeen (DD-784).

After returning from World War II in August 1945, John returned to his parent’s home in Lynville. He used the GI bill and attended Central College for one year and then transferred to Iowa State College’s Veterinary School, Ames. He graduated in June 1951. While in college, he met Gwendolyn O'Banion, a nurse at Grinnell Community Hospital. They married on October 6, 1951, in Freeport, Ill.

John began his veterinary career in Freeport, Ill., in 1951. He then practiced in Ireton, before moving to Brighton, Iowa, in 1953. The couple welcomed their family – Lynn, Susan, and Wayne – while in Brighton.

John moved to Wilton, Iowa, in 1964 and practiced veterinary medicine until his retirement in 1990. In 2005, the couple moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in 2008, they moved to Grinnell, Iowa.

John was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church. He loved coin collecting, reading, antique and glassware collecting, and time with his family.

Survivors include a son, Lynn (Jeanette) Budding, Grinnell; daughter, Susan (Rick) Carroll, Marion; and a son, Wayne (Diane) Budding, Wilton; five grandsons, Ryan Budding, John Budding, Tyler Budding, Patrick Budding, and Arnold Carroll; and sisters-in-law Margaret O’Banion, Cedar Rapids, and Glenna Budding, Lynville.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Gwen Budding; his parents, Joe and Anna Marie Budding; and his siblings.

Visitation and funeral arrangements are pending at Cedar Memorial, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Interment at Cedar Memorial, Cedar Rapids.