Harold L. Schmidt, 84, of Grinnell, died on Monday, January 11, 2016, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Ron Hodges, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Jesse Schmidt, Cherie Schmidt, Chad Schmidt, Lindsey Ekins, Chelsea Hayes, Madi Hayes, Leah Murphy, Sean Murphy and Tucker Murphy. A military flag presentation was conducted by the Iowa Funeral Honors Squad from Johnston. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Harold Schmidt Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Harold was born on Nov. 9, 1931, on the family farm near Searsboro to Russell and Winifred Rivers Schmidt. He attended country school and graduated from Lynnville High School. On Aug. 25, 1952, he was inducted into the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed in Austria and served with the military police. He was discharged from the military in 1954.

On June 25, 1955, he married Germaine Marie Facile at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. The couple made their home in Grinnell. He was employed for 40 years at Iowa Southern Utilities and worked as a supervisor in the natural gas division. Harold was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Grinnell and the American Legion. He enjoyed wood carving and fishing. Harold and Germaine enjoyed traveling to Florida, dancing and family fishing trips to Minnesota and Canada. After fishing trips, Harold and Germaine hosted a fish fry for family and friends.

Survivors include his children, Denise Smith of Grinnell, Craig Schmidt of Montezuma, Patricia (Dave) Hayes of Osage Beach, MO and Susan (Joe Ham) Murphy of Newton; nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one brother, Russell “Junior” Schmidt of Hiawatha. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Henry T. Schmidt; and one sister, Bessie Bailey.