Leonard H. Brown

Leonard H. Brown, 87, of Moline, Ill., formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Trinity Medical Center West in Rock Island, Ill.

A memorial service was held Monday at Wendt Funeral Home in Moline with military rites conducted by American Legion Post #246 of Moline. Burial was in the National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island. Memorials may be made to Arrowhead Ranch, Coal Valley, Ill.

He was born Sept. 23, 1918, on a rural Grinnell farm to Harvey and Mary Thompson Brown. He was a 1936 graduate of Grinnell High School. He moved to Moline and was employed from 1936 until 1943 by the McLaughlin Body Company after which he worked as a painter and union contractor for Local #502, retiring in 1990. He was married to Doris Figland in Grinnell on April 11, 1937.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 2153 in Moline and Painters Union No. 502.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters Debra Jackson of Chillicothe, Ill., and Carol VanNatta of Moline; two sons, Gary Brown and Ronald Brown, both of Moline; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; one sister Evelyn Felper of Seabrook and one brother, Floyd Brown of Marshalltown. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.