Max W. Clay, 79, of Grinnell died
Jan. 24, 2006, at St. Francis Manor.
A memorial service will be held
Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10:30 a.m. at
Grinnell United Methodist Church with
the Rev. Len Eberhart and Deacon
Diane Eberhart officiating. Honorary
bearers will be Josh and Jamie Clay
and Adam and Aaron Kruse. Burial
will be held at a later date at Oakland
Cemetery in Fort Madison. Memorials
may be made to Grinnell United Meth-
odist Church, Mayflower Human
Needs Fund or Grinnell Regional Hos-
pice.
He was born Nov. 11, 1926, in
Quincy, Ohio, to Harry and Mary Smith
Clay. He was a 1944 graduate of Quincy
High School after which he attended
Capital University, Columbus, Ohio,
and the University of Cincinnati. He
also served in the United States Army
Air Force during World War II.
He was married on April 8, 1950, in
Quincy, Ohio, to Gloria Sherwood.
They lived in several communities
before moving to Fort Madison in 1964
where he was employed in the market-
ing department of Chevron Corpora-
tion. He retired in 1985 and the couple
moved to Grinnell in 1997.
He was a member of the Grinnell
United Methodist Church, Grinnell
Senior Chamber of Commerce and
Baggs Lodge #292, F&AM. in
DeGraff, Ohio. He served as treasurer
of the Mayflower Residents' Associa-
tion and was a volunteer at Grinnell
Regional Medical Center.
He is survived by his wife, Gloria of
Grinnell; one daughter Karen Kruse of
Ankeny; one son David Clay of Clive;
four grandchildren and one brother
Carl Clay of Montgomery, Texas. He
was preceded in death by his parents,
one brother, Willis, and one son,
Stephen.