

Max W. Clay



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 Methodist Church, Mayflower Human Needs Fund or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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 marketing department of Chevron Corporation. 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 Boggs Lodge #292, F&AM, in DeGraff, Ohio. He served as treasurer of the Mayflower Residents' Association 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.