Calvin L. Geyer, age 84, of San Diego, California, and formerly of Grinnell, died on March 22, 2019, in San Diego.

A private family graveside service with full military honors will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell, with Pastor Jim Dotson officiating.

A celebration of life gathering will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11th at the Ahrens Family Center in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Calvin Leroy Geyer was born the son of Dale and Roxie (Lincoln) Geyer on November 21, 1934, in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Des Moines, Iowa, respectively and graduated from East High School in Des Moines in 1952.

Calvin was united in marriage to Marilyn J. Thompson on October 13, 1955, in Des Moines. In 1957, Calvin enlisted in the United States Air Force and the couple lived on several air bases including Lockbourne AFB in Ohio, Whiteman AFB in Missouri, Anderson AFB in Guam, Minot AFB in North Dakota, Warner-Robins AFB in Georgia, Saigon Vietnam, Kadena AFB in Okinawa, Japan, and Offutt AFB in Nebraska during his 20 years of service to his country. The couple was blessed with three sons, Calvin Jr., Douglas and Curtis. Following his military career, they moved to Grinnell, where Calvin worked for Melby Communications and Robintech. Later they moved to Ohio and Calvin worked for Meisner Electric and Plaskolite. Following Calvin's retirement in 1994, they returned to Grinnell. After Marilyn's death in 2000, he moved to San Diego, where he spent his retirement years.

Calvin is survived by his sons, Calvin (Jean) Geyer, Jr. of Rochester, Minnesota, Doug (Sharon Clayton) Geyer of Newton, Iowa, and Curtis (Nikki Sanger) Geyer of Dublin, California; nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and his siblings, John Geyer of Des Moines, Judy Lawrence of Des Moines, Mardelle Ellis of Des Moines, Bill Geyer of Altoona, Mary Bacon of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, and David Geyer of Des Moines.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn Geyer, on December 8, 2000; and his siblings, Duaine Geyer, Joyce Little, Norma Burkett, Jim Geyer, and twins in infancy.