Wayne V. Mehlin

Wayne Vernon Mehlin, 89, of Grinnell, formerly of Waterloo, died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Friday, June 16, at 11 a.m. in Garden View Chapel in Waterloo with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery. Becker-Chapman American Legion Post No. 138 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1623 will conduct graveside military rites. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9 a.m to service time. Memorials may be made to the family.

He was born Aug. 22, 1916, in Malcom, the son of Theodore and Addie Lamb Mehlin. He was married on March 10, 1935, to Alice Courter in Galena, Ill. He served in the United States Army during World War II after which he worked for American Republic Insurance Co. He later worked at Rath Packing in Waterloo and in 1949 opened Mehlin’s Grocery Store in Waterloo with his brother. He lived in Onamia, Minn., for several years where he owned properties in the Mille Lacs area prior to retiring to St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

He is survived by nephews and nieces, Don Pederson, Roger Pederson, Norma Kaisand and Joan Lemke, all of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 1999, four brothers, Charles, Ray, Leslie and Reno Mehlin, and two sisters, Lina Hummel and Augusta Pederson.