William Davis

William Davis, 81, of Marshalltown, formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, June 11, 2007, at Grandview Heights Care Center in Marshalltown.

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 14, at First Friends Church in Marshalltown with Judith Marshall, pastor, officiating. He was buried with full military honors by members of Harry C. Harter Post No. 839, Veterans of Foreign War.

He was born Nov. 8, 1925, in Grinnell, the son of James and Cora Marie Price Davis. He received his education in Grinnell schools and during World War II was a member of the United States Marine Corps for 3 1/2 years. He was married on Dec. 2, 1945, in Marshalltown to Virginia Brees. They made their home in Kansas, California and Nebraska before returning to Marshalltown where he was a welder at Lennox and a machinist at the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of First Friends Church, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and enjoyed trains.

He is survived by his wife; four children, Carol Kirby of Malcom, Laura Rinehart of Ankeny, Bill Davis of Liscomb and Sue Fellmer of Cedar Falls; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, James, and a sister, Evelyn Buchwald.