Gene C. Kerbel of Fort Morgan, Colo., formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at his home.

A memorial service with military honors by the Fort Collins Honor Guard was held Tuesday, June 16, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel in Fort Collins with the Rev. Tim Runtzsch officiating and private interment at Grandview Cemetery. On-line condolences may be transmitted through bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

He was born Oct. 7, 1928, to Conrad and Eva Specht Kerbel and was raised in Fort Collins, graduating from Fort Collins High School, then attending and graduating from Colorado State University after which he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the Korean War.

He was united in marriage with Shirley Ann Weitzel in 1954 with whom he had two children. In 1984 he was united in marriage with Jean Lodell and they moved to Oakland Acres Golf Community, rural Grinnell, where he served as district sales manager for Super Cross Seeds while also pursuing his passion for golf. Upon his retirement he mowed at Oakland Acres, was employed at Wes Finch Auto Plaza and also assisted Michael Hudnut on his farm. He also continued his passion for bowling.

He is survived by one brother Earl Kerbel of Wellington, Colo.; his daughter Deborah Ann Turner of Wiggins, Colo., and his son Stephen Kerbel of Loveland, Colo.; four stepchildren; five grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean Kerbel; two brothers Albert Kerbel of Fort Collins and Woodrow Kerbel of Pocatello, Idaho; two sisters Helen Miller or Riverton, Wyo.; and Irene Allen of Claypool, Ariz.