Charles McPherson

Charles Clayton McPherson, 84, of Forsyth, Mo., formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008 in Skaggs Community Health Center in Branson Mo.

Services will be announced at a later date. Kissee-Schofeld-Bakins Funeral Home in Forsyth is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Clayton McPherson was born June 25, 1924, in Hiawatha, Kan., to French and Ruby Hagen McPherson. He graduated from the Dayton High School in 1942 where he met Lois Ann Peterson. They were married on Sept. 3, 1943. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and served with the 106th Infantry Division as a combat infantryman. He was wounded in Okinawa, Japan, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was also awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one battle star. He was honorably discharged from the service in 1945.

After his military service, he went to work for the Ford Motor Company as a sales representative and Volkswagen of America. He later owned his own Volkswagen dealership in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and an A&W in Grinnell. He retired from sales at Tiger Ford in 1981.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the V.F.W. Post #5168 of Forsyth, and the American Legion and the Eagles Club of Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife Lois of Forsyth and his daughter, Kelley Koon of Overland Park, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Avis LeValley.