Donald Brown

Donald Brown, 92, of Ames, formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Israel Family Hospice House in Ames.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Westfield Cemetery, rural Grinnell, with the Rev. Howard Lord of Montezuma, officiating. Pall bearers were Gary Edwards, Casey Hayes, Dan Krogman, Hank and Keith Kohler and Kirk Schmatz. Memorials may be made to Israel Family Hospice House.

He was born March 20, 1912, in Marshalltown, the son of Edward and Anna Wossing Brown. He received his education in the Marshalltown School District and was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II, serving as a platoon sergeant in the Philippines. He was married to Jelene Steenhoek on June 4, 1947, in Grinnell. The couple made their home in LeGrand and Montour before moving to Grinnell in 1951. He was employed as a carpenter throughout central Iowa including work on the campus at Iowa State University in Ames and Golden Sun Feeds and Mayflower Home in Grinnell, and from 1964 to 1968 was engaged in farming near Grinnell. He retired in 1974 and continued to make his home in Grinnell. He moved to Ames in 1999.

He was a member of Carpenters Local #106, Odd Fellows Lodge and active at Grinnell Senior Center and Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by one daughter, Janis Reams of Montezuma and two sons, Darwin Brown of Council Bluffs and LeRoy Brown of Ames; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one daughter Beverly Geisler.