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A graveside service with military rites was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Lakeview section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Rev. Brian Chitwood, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the Brook Lamb Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home. PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

Brook was born the son of Harrison Tobias Lamb and Nellie Fetima Harness Lamb on March 30, 1919, in Malcom. He was raised on the family farm near Malcom and attended country schools near his home. Following his education, he began farming with his father.

Brook married Grace Olive Blankenfeld on June 21, 1941, in Lancaster, Mo., and the couple had two children, Larry and Linda. He honorably served his country during World War II as a sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1944. He was stationed in the Philippines in the South Pacific. Following his active service. he played baseball as a shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals farm league, where his career ended with an injury. He then moved back to Grinnell and he was employed at local areas businesses including Phillips 66, Mitchell Motors, Citie Service Gas Station, which he owned and operated, Moorman's Feed, and Farmhand in Grinnell, from which he retired at the age of 70.

Brook was a family man with a special love for children, especially his grandchildren. He had a keen sense of

humor and was an outdoorsman who enjoyed the tranquility of watching daily life from his chair, driving the country roads, and hunting. His other enjoyments included Iowa State Cyclones athletics, square and round dancing, farming, mowing, making peanut clusters, and playing cards with the Wileys. He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church and the Grinnell American Legion VFW.

Brook is survived by his children, Larry Lamb of Pleasant Hill and Linda Routier of Grinnell; 4 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and his sisters, Violet Seehorn of Ankeny and Joyce

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He was preceded death by his parents; his wife, Grace; two great grandchildren; his sisters, Rachel Egberg, Goldie Lamb, and Addie Gray; and his brothers, John, Leonard, Harold and Delmar Lamb.

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