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Max was born on January 4, 1922, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Fred and Alta (McLain) Thompson. He was raised in New Sharon, Iowa, and graduated from New Sharon High School in 1939. He attended lino-type school in Charles City, Iowa.

He was united in marriage to June Wahlin on May 23, 1942, in Bethany, Missouri. In December of 1942, Max enlisted in the United States Army and honorably served his country as a Staff Sergeant during World War II. He was stationed at several bases in the United States and Okinawa. Following his military service, he returned to Grinnell and spent over 50 years in the newspaper and printing industry, with the majority of those years working for the Grinnell Herald-Register.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Grinnell American Legion. He was one of the founding members of the Oakland Acres Golf Club west of Grinnell and he loved the game of golf. Max was an outdoorsman who enjoyed going camping with his family, hunting, and playing golf.

Max is survived by his daughter, Susan (Vern) Bryan of Newton, Iowa; son, Roger (Shari) Thompson of Indianola, Iowa; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 52 years, June Thompson; and siblings, Gerald Thompson and Betty Wallace.

