

W. Ralph Bailey 64-R
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mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with her family online at www.smithfh.com.

W. Ralph Bailey, 94, of Frankfort, Ind., and formerly of this area, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, at Clinton House Health and Rehab in Frankfort.

Visitation was held Monday, Jan. 23, at Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the funeral home with Pastor Ed Pearson officiating. Burial will follow in Bunnell Cemetery with military honors. Memorials in Ralph's name may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be directed to www.gendafuneralhome.com.

He was born Sept. 7, 1922, in Jasper County, to the late Alna Z. and N. Elizabeth Criswell Bailey. On June 3, 1942, he married E. Irene Billman; she preceded him in death on July 29, 2011.

Ralph graduated from Grinnell High School in Iowa in 1941, then served in the United States Army. He was owner and operator of Bailey's Shoe Dept. in Alden's. In 1960, Ralph and Irene moved to Frankfort; he owned and operated the Shoe Dept. at Thrasher's until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and former member of the American Legion, Elks, Moose, and The Odd Fellows. Ralph and Irene loved to travel and fish. They had spent several years splitting their time between Frankfort and Florida.

He is survived by his son, Hal T. Bailey, of Noblesville; daughter, Judy A. Pitman, of Frankfort; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wife; his parents; son, Bruce E. Bailey; and one great-grandson.