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Van E. Davis Jr., 77, of Grinnell died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at the Health Care Center at Mayflower.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Smith Funeral Home with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organ music was by Kathleen McCune and vocal music by Dottie Smith. Interment in Hazelwood Cemetery followed. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell Youth Baseball/Softball Association (GYBSA).

The son of Van E. and Mac Brown Davis, he was born Oct. 11, 1929, in Grinnell where he was raised and educated. He served in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. McKean in the Pacific Theater. He was married on Sept. 22, 1948, in Iowa City to Darlene Louise Smith and they made their home in Grinnell. He was employed at the Maytag Company in Newton for several years, later starting his own business, Van's Appliances, in Grinnell. He also operated laundromats in Grinnell and Montezuma and serviced all makes of washers and dryers. He retired from his businesses in 1998 and worked for a time at Classic Car Wash.

He is survived by one son, Ronald Davis and one daughter Pam Wolver, both of Grinnell; three grandchildren and four brothers, Jim Davis of Newton, Miss., Leo Davis of Covington, Wash., John Davis of Grinnell and Steve Davis of Bloomington, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Darlene in 1997 and an infant son Randy Davis.

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Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the funeral home, where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Youth Baseball/Softball Association (GYBSA).