

## Robert L. Cook

Robert L. Cook, 81, of Grinnell died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at St. Francis Manor.

Interment will be held at a later date. A memorial gathering will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.



He was born April 20, 1927, in Oskaloosa to Jay E. and Freda Nevins Cook Sr. He was raised in Oskaloosa, attending Oskaloosa High School. He also attended Central College in Pella. During World War II he served in the United States Navy on the USS Pt. Cruz in the South Pacific.

He was united in marriage with Betty Van Pelt in Ottumwa on April 11, 1948. They resided in Oskaloosa and California prior to moving to Waterloo. He was a mortgage banker in Waterloo, Marshalltown and Madison, Wis.. From 1988 to 1992 he owned and operated Brothers' Maidrite in Grinnell.

He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed golf, hunting, bowling and playing cards. He also enjoyed doing yard work and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Betty Cook of Grinnell; one daughter Christine Petersen of Madison, Wis.; two sons, Robert Cook Jr. of Marshalltown and Dennis Cook of Madison, Wis.; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Fred Cook and Jay E. Cook Jr.

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