Willard Robison

Willard Robison, 82, rural Grinnell, died May 10 at the Iowa Veterans Home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, mMay 13, 12 at Smith 5 Funeral Home with the Rev. Lon Lewis, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner and vocal music was by Carolyn Caylor. Fraternal rites were by members of the Odd Fellows Lodge and veterans ceremonial rites by members of American Legion Post #53. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell Elks Lodge memorial fund.

Willard and his twin brother Willis were born July 23, 1912, in Richland Township, Jasper County, to Arthur Vance and Julia Anne

Woomer Robison. The family later moved to a farm on the Lynnville Sully road-and he attended grade school at Rock Creek #8. He graduated from Grinnell High School and in 1942 was inducted into the United States Army Airforce, serving as a tailgunner on a B-17 in the European Theater. Following his discharge, he farmed and operated a dragline business with his brother Clair. He later worked for Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for ten years as a custodian.

He was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He is survived by nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother in infancy and three other brothers, Glen, Howe and Clair.