Robert “Bob” H. Gerson, age 86, of Winona died Friday, June 24, 2011, at Golden Living Center, Rochester, Minn.

He was born Nov. 12, 1924 in Winona to Henry and Martha (Kanthack) Gerson.

Bob grew up in Winona and graduated from Winona H.S. in 1943. He also served in the Navy during World War II.

On Sept. 1, 1951, he married Marian F. Kinowski at St. Stan’s Rectory in Winona. Bob was a manager of Robb Brothers Hardware Store for 26 years and later worked for WSU in inventory control, retiring in 1988. He was also a member of VFW and St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Winona.

He is survived by his wife Marian of Winona; his children: Peggy (Michael) Brown, Andover, Minn., Patricia (Michael) Schryver, Eyota, Minn., and Jack (Maureen) Gerson, Winona. His grandchildren: Jaclyn (Patrick) Popehn, Scott and Jeffrey Brown, Anissa (Matt) Blanshan and Keena Schryver, Daniel, Mark (Kristina), Laura, Paul and Sarah Gerson; and great-grandchildren: Dylan and Parker Popehn, Alex Blanshan and Anna Gerson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Jack Gerson and sister Elaine Keiper.

Services to remember Bob will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 2011, at St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winona, with the Rev. Paul Welke officiating. Entombment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona.

Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona, with a prayer service starting at 6:45 p.m. and visitation one hour prior on Thursday at the church. Memorials can be directed to St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Cancer Society.

Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Winona. Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com.