The background of the first image is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. A white rectangular box is centered over the flag, containing text.

### ***Definition of a Veteran***

***A veteran is someone who, at one point in one's life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including my life." That is honor, and there are way too many people in this Country who no longer understand it.***

***Author Unknown***

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### **A Prayer for the Military**

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
And those who on the ocean ply;  
Be with our troops upon the land,  
And all who for their country stand:  
Be with these guardians day and night  
And may their trust be in thy might.

—Author Unknown

## **REMEMBER**

**It was the Veteran, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It was the Veteran, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It was the Veteran, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.**

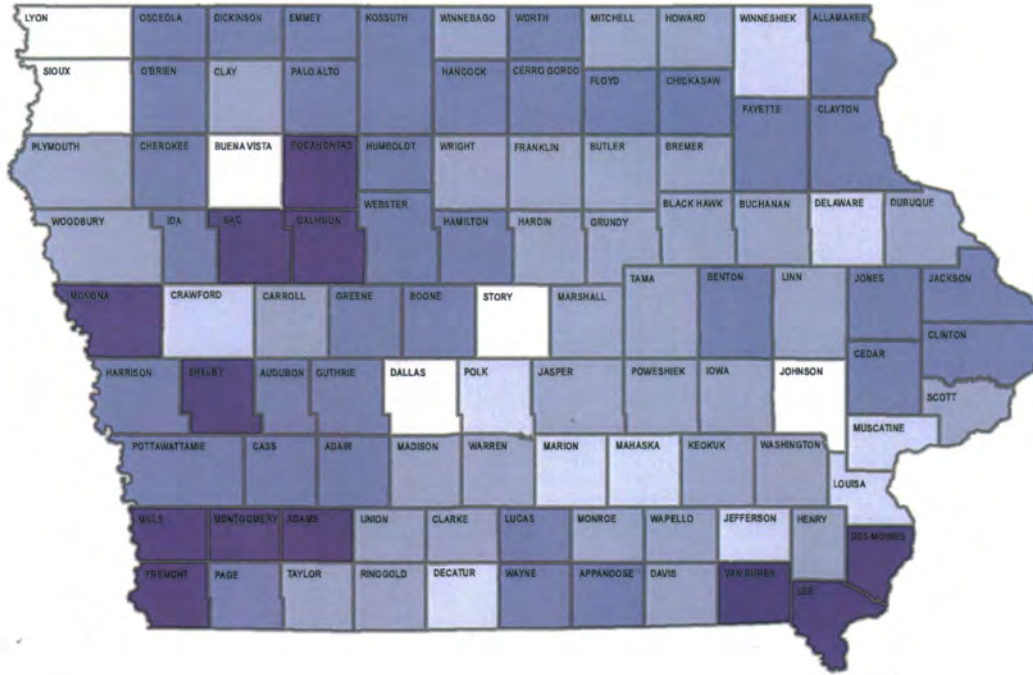
**It was the Veteran, not the campus organizer,  
who gave us the right to demonstrate.**

**It is the Veteran who salutes the flag.  
Whose coffin is draped by the flag.  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.**

**Father Dennis O'Brien, USMC**

# Veterans as a Percent of Total Population – FY 2016

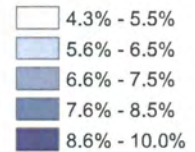
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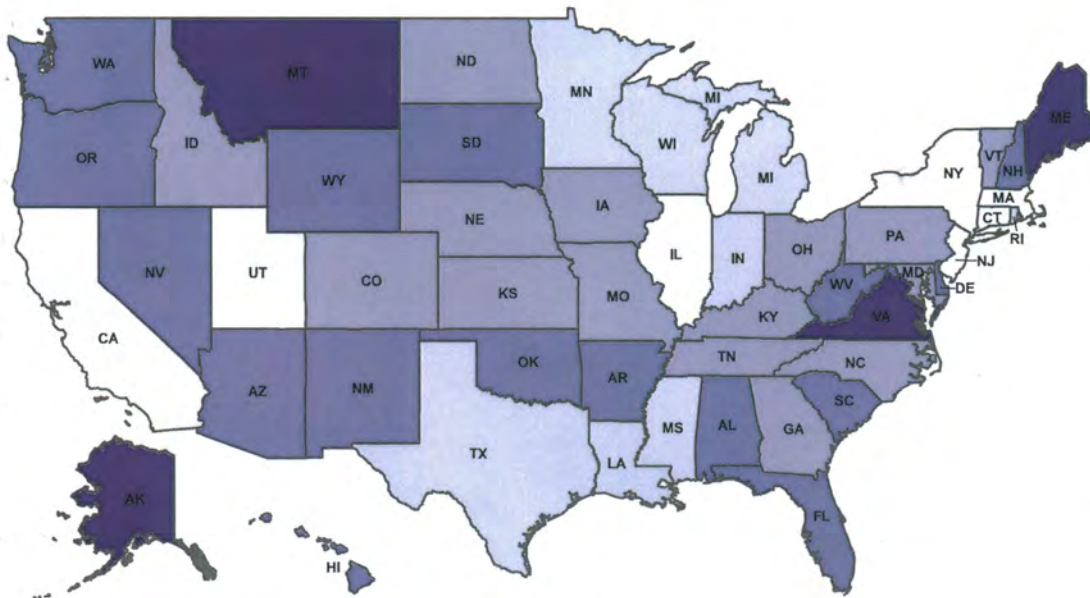
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Iowa Veteran Population

### Population by County



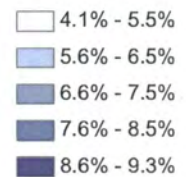
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U.S. Veteran Population

### Population by State



Sources: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 Population Estimates; LSA calculations  
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## Marshall Iakisch

July 9, 1914-June 19, 1993

Former Keokuk resident Marshall R. Iakisch, 78, Sun City West, Ariz., died at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Del E. Webb Hospital, Sun City West.

He was born July 9, 1914, in Dubuque, Iowa, to Robert and Delia Neitzel Iakisch.

He was married Oct. 17, 1952, in Kansas City, Mo., to Maurice Lucille Anderson. She survives.

Survivors also include: a son, Robert M. Iakisch of Omaha, Neb.; and two step-grandchildren.

Mr. Iakisch was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, a half-sister and a half-brother.

He moved to Keokuk as a child and was graduated from Keokuk High School in 1932. He received a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Iowa in 1936.

Mr. Iakisch served in the U.S. Army Engineers from 1943 to 1945. He worked for Tennessee Valley Authority in Eastern Tennessee from 1936 to 1942. He was employed with the Corps of Engineers as chief of planning division, S.W., Dallas, Texas, for 30 years, until 1973. He was employed by Forest and Cotton Engineering Co. in Texas as a professional engineer, retiring in 1980.

He received an award from the Army Corps of Engineers reflecting credit for his many achievements and personal efforts. He became a lifetime member of American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Iakisch was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Sun City West.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Oakwood Cemetery, Hamilton, with the Rev. Dwain N. DePew officiating.

Lamporte Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

DGC 6-21-1993

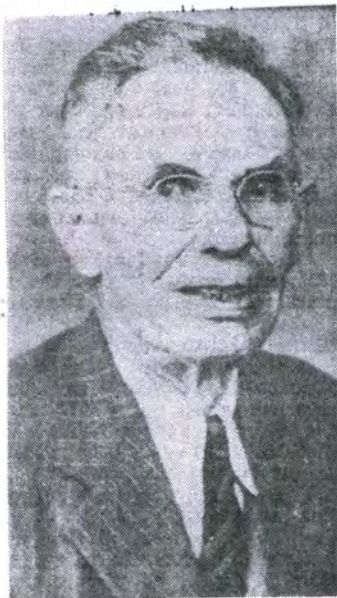
# Robert Iakisch Dies at Home

5-19-55  
Robert Iakisch, retired government engineer, died at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday at 2900 McKinley avenue where he made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Alberts.

Although he had been in failing health for the last three years, his death was very sudden.

## Came Here in 1919

After graduation from the University of Wisconsin in 1910 he started his government engineering career at Dubuque in river work under the War Department. He



came to Keokuk in 1919 from Alton, Ill. and had charge of the southern district of the U. S. Engineers in the Rock Island district from Hamburg, Ill. to the Missouri river.

Later he had charge from Hannibal to the Missouri river and with the retirement of Major Montgomery Meigs in 1926 he took charge of the southern district of the U. S. Engineers from Burlington to the Missouri river with headquarters in Keokuk. He retired in 1942.

## Served in Philippines

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Rudolph Iakisch, he was born September 18, 1874 in Lynn, Wis.

At the age of 15 he enlisted in the U. S. army October 2, 1899 during the Philippine Insurrection and served with General Wheaton's expedition in the Philippines in 1900, in Captain Tyle's expedition to Ragay in 1900 and 1901. He saw action at Duye river, January 19, 1900, at Calabanga February 20, 1900, at Tuju December 19, 1900, at Ragay December 21, 1900, between Lupians and Ragay on December 23, 1900, and again at Ragay from December 23 through 25, 1900.

He was discharged June 3, 1901 at the Presidio in San Francisco from Company F of the 45th infantry regiment of U. S. Volunteers.

At the University of Wisconsin he was a member of Tau Beta Pi honorary scholastic engineering society and of the Iron Cross which is another honorary society at the university with selection made each year at graduation of the student having the highest scholastic standing in each college of the university.

On June 7, 1911, he married Dalia Neitzel at Milwaukee, Wis. She preceded him in death November 1, 1914. In 1916 he married Anna Martha Berger at Milwaukee. She preceded him on October 3, 1926.

He was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran church, Neillsville lodge 163, A. F. and A. M., at Neillsville, Wis., and Keokuk lodge 106 of Elks.

## Crocheting a Hobby.

He was active as a golfer and bowler and after his retirement he followed his favorite hobbies of flowers and gardening. In addition he was an ardent and skillful crocheter and his bedspreads and table covers were works of art.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Alberts of Keokuk; a son, Marshall R. Iakisch of Kansas City, Mo., by his first marriage; a daughter, Mrs. William J. (Martha) Culberson of San Antonio, Tex.; a brother, John Rudolph Iakisch of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

In addition to his wives he was preceded in death by a son, Robert Burger Iakisch, at the age of 6 on May 21, 1925, and two sisters.

The body will remain at the Schmidt Memorial Home until noon Saturday when it will be taken to the First Evangelical Lutheran church where the service will be held at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. Paul D. Olson officiating. Masonic service will be conducted at the grave in Oakland cemetery.

DGC 5-19-1955

ARMED FORCES GRAVES REGISTRATION RECORD

LEE COUNTY

This Record Filed by Soldiers Relief Commission

RECORD No.

County Lee War Served in \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Deceased EE Iakisch Robert

Age Nearest Birthday 81 (Last) (First) White (Middle)

Last Known Address Keokuk Iowa Lee

2900 McKinley Ave (City or Town) (State) (County)

Place of Death Keokuk Iowa (Street Number, Etc.) May 18 1955

Place of Burial Lee Keokuk Jackson

Name of Cemetery Oakland (County - City - Town or Township)

Date of Burial May 21 1955 Grave Location (Section, Lot and Block No.)

Father of Deceased John Rudolph Iakisch deceased

Mother of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and Address) ;;

Wife or Husband 1st wife died 11/1/1914- Second wife- 1916- died Oct 3, 26 (Name and Address)

Other Blood Relatives Daughter. Mrs E. C. Alberts Keokuk, Ia. Son (Name and Addresses)

Marshall R, Kansas City, Mo. Daughter Mrs William J (Martha)

Culberson San Antonio, Texas.

Membership Veterans Organizations \_\_\_\_\_ (Names and Year)

Serial Number in Armed Forces \_\_\_\_\_

Rank at Time of Discharge Sept 18 1874 Lynn, Wis.

Birth of Deceased, Date Oct 2- 1899 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Induction into Armed Forces, Date June 3 1901 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Discharged from Armed Forces, Date President, San Francisco, Calif.

Place Discharged U. S. Army- Co. F. 45th Inf. U. S. volunteers

Branch of Armed Forces Phillippins Insurrection Oct 2 1899 General-

Organization Served With Wheastons Expedition 1900- 1901 Camp tay lor Exp/ to Ragay

H onorable

Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral director. Carl Schmidt-

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registered by Compiled by- Mrs Chas. E. Roberts.

# Engineer Robert Iakisch Retires After 35 Years

More time for golf and other favorite pastimes can be enjoyed now by Robert Iakisch, 2900 McKinley avenue, well-known War Department waterways engineer here who has begun a well-earned rest from his active duties which reached a peak of intensity during their closing phase because of World War II and increased use of river shipping.

The deeply-bronzed engineer, who has found on the golf links much relaxation from his arduous tasks, was officially retired by the War Department last Wednesday, Nov. 1, when he completed 35 years, three months and eight days of government service.

## Remained on Job.

He had become eligible for retirement more than a year ago, on Sept. 30, 1944, but because of the national emergency he continued in his position as engineer in charge of the Keokuk Engineer office beyond the usual age.

Iakisch began his government service on July 23, 1910, and was first appointed as a surveyman in the Rock Island Engineer district. Subsequently, he was promoted to junior engineer, assistant engineer and then associated engineer. He was elevated to the position of engineer on Dec. 1, 1930.

## Promoted Regularly.

Government records show that he was in charge of surveys and river improvement work under the direction of Assistant Engineer S.

Edwards in the section from the Wisconsin river to LeClair, Iowa, from 1911 to March of 1917. He then was transferred to Alton, Ill., and was in charge of improvements between Hamburg and the mouth of the Missouri river. This section was later extended to Hannibal, Mo., and later to Keokuk.

In March of 1929, records reveal the southern field area of the Rock Island Engineer district was established and extended from Keokuk to the mouth of the Illinois river. After nearly 11 years, the southern field area was abolished on Jan. 1, 1940, and since that time Iakisch has served as engineer in charge of the Keokuk sub-office.

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ROBERT IAKISCH

## Official Commendation

In announcing the retirement, Lt. Col. J. H. Pell of the Rock Island office, officially commends Iakisch for his efficiency during his long career and personally congratulates the local engineer on attaining relief from duty.

"Under your able direction and guidance many dredging, wing dam, levee construction and shore protection projects were prosecuted by hired labor forced in the district," Col. Pell praises Iakisch. "Your contribution to speedier conclusion of World War II included supervision of the completion of LCT craft for the Navy Department, construction of service barges for the Coast Guard, and major repairs on hulls and submerged portions of Coast Guard cutters used for river patrol work.

## Work Well Done

"Looking back over the years, you must find real satisfaction in the knowledge that your work has been well done.

"I wish you to know that your many friends and associates, including myself, recognize that through the years you have contributed much to the record of excellent performance that has characterized the work of the Rock Island district.

"I extend my congratulations on your retirement and join your many friends and associates in the district in wishing for you good health and many years in which to enjoy your well-earned leisure," Col. Pell added.

DGC 11-6-1945

## Michael D. Ihrer

Jan. 29, 1951 – March 24, 2004

DAVENPORT – Michael D. Ihrer, 53, of Davenport, formerly of Keokuk, died at 11:22 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Genesis West Hospital in Davenport.

He was born Jan. 29, 1951, in Keokuk, the son of Charles A. and Ruth Hawley Ihrer. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He had lived in Davenport for 28 years. He was an over the road truck driver for Star Transportation and owned and operated Centennial Video Lounge. He had previously been employed by Caterpillar and Briggs.

Mr. Ihrer liked working with his hands and enjoyed antiques and helping his family when needed.

He did volunteer work in the Quad Cities and was community minded.

He helped raise money for charities.

Survivors include: two brothers, Charles Ihrer and his wife, Janet, of Avon, Ill., and Terry Campbell of Siloam Springs, Ark.; a sister, Barbara Lozano of Fort Madison; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carrie Campbell.

Visitation will be Saturday at DeJong's Funeral Home in Keokuk from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will be no services. Inurnment will be at a later date in Sunset Memorial Park.

A memorial has been established for the family.

DGC 3-26-2004





## Donald L. Ikerd

March 28, 1927 — May 23, 2013

HAMILTON, Ill. — Donald L. Ikerd, 86, of Hamilton, Ill., passed away at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013, at his home.



He was born March 28, 1927, in St. Joseph Hospital, Keokuk, to Homer and Leoma R. Barth Ikerd.

He married Margaret Robinson Dec. 1, 1949, in Quincy, Ill. She preceded him in death Aug. 31, 2010.

He is survived by a son, Michael Dean (Rita) Ikerd of Warsaw, Ill.; five grandchildren, Nicole (Doug)

Meyers of Keokuk, Dwayne Johnson of Hamilton, Renee (Andrew) Whitaker of Keokuk, Cory (Amy) Johnson of Carthage, Ill., and Kylie (fiancé Eric Nagel) Ikerd of Carthage; three great-grandchildren, Maggie Meyers, Aden Whitaker and Suzie Whitaker; and a brother, Homer Leon Ikerd of Dallas City, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Susan Ikerd Johnson on May 14, 2003; a son-in-law, Gene Johnson; and a brother, Lester Ikerd.

Don attended grade schools in Hancock County, Ill.: Christy School, south of Powellton, Elvaston and Niota. He graduated from Dallas City High School in 1945.

Donald was baptized and confirmed in Christ Lutheran Church, Nauvoo, Ill.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army July 18, 1945, and served through January 1947. Of those 18 months, he served 12 in Germany, Army of Occupation, 388th M.P. Battalion.

He attended Gem City Business College in Quincy, graduating in 1948 with a master of accounts degree and received an advanced accounting degree in 1950.

Donald and his wife Margaret moved to Hamilton in 1951. He had worked at White House Creamery from 1951-62, at Tri-State Dairy 1962-75, and at Sheller Globe, Keokuk, from 1976 until his retirement in 1988.

The most important part of Don's life was his family and he loved the time he spent with them. He enjoyed playing pool and watching sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bulls.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lamporte - St. Clair Funeral Home in Hamilton with the Rev. Bill Mitchell officiating.

Burial with military honors will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton.

Visitation will be held after 2 p.m. Tuesday, with the family meeting friends from 5 to 8 p.m. at Lamporte - St. Clair Funeral Home.

Memorials have been established for Hancock County Blessing Hospice.

Condolences can be left online for the family at [www.lamportefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lamportefuneralhomes.com).

Lamporte - St. Clair Funeral Home of Hamilton in charge of arrangements.

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DGC 5-24-2013



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ikerd - 1999

## 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ikerd of Hamilton, Ill., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Donald and Margaret Ikerd were married on Dec. 1, 1949, in Quincy, Ill.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ikerd - 1949

The couple has two children, Susan Johnson of Hamilton and Mike Ikerd of Warsaw, Ill. They also have five grandchildren: Nicole Meyers and Dwyane Johnson, both of Keokuk, Renee Johnson and Cory Johnson, both of Hamilton and Kylie Ikerd of Warsaw.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 761 Main, Hamilton, Ill., 62341.

DGC 11-23-1999



## Donald L. 'Bo' Ikerd

March 4, 1932 — July 31, 2017

CARTHAGE, Ill. — Donald Lee "Bo" Ikerd, 85, of Carthage, Ill., passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017, at his home.

Donald was born on March 4, 1932, west of Ferris, Ill., the son of George and Gladys Nichols Ikerd.



In October 1959, he was united in marriage to Vera Schoch. She survives.

Donald proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, and was involved in Operation Castle in 1954, an atomic test at Eniwetok Proving Ground in the Marshall

Islands. During his career in the Navy, he also served aboard the Apache, an ocean-going tugboat. He worked for the railroad for a brief time. He then worked at Ortho/Chevron in Fort Madison, where he retired. After retiring, he worked at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, where he continued to work until age 78. In the late 1980s, Don purchased farm land and started farming it. When Donald was younger, he enjoyed pitching in fast-pitch softball all around the local area. His favorite hobby was working puzzles in the daily newspapers.

Donald is survived by his wife, Jean of Carthage; daughter, Debbie (Mike) Bundy of Carman, Ill.; sons, Scott Ikerd and Brent Ikerd, both of Carthage; his stepchildren, Connie (Tom) Cutts of Rocky Mount, Mo., Dannie Sargent of Burlington, Ricky (Sara) Sargent of Hamilton, Ill., and Kendall (Mary) Sargent of Carthage; a son-in-law, Paul Mayes of Ferris; sisters, Gloria Troute of Dallas City, Ill., and Nancy Barnas of Waukegan, Ill.; brother, Robert (Sandy) Ikerd of Keokuk; two grandchildren, Bryer Belshaw of Carthage and Kelsey (Chris) Hibbard of Carthage; 17 stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren, Kenzey and Clayton; and 18 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and his stepdaughter, Bonnie Mayes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Printy Funeral Home in Carthage, with burial to follow in Moss Ridge Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Great River Honor Flight, Hearts of Hancock County Humane Society, or the donor's choice.

Memories and condolences may be left at [printyfuneralhome.com](http://printyfuneralhome.com).

Printy Funeral Home in Carthage is in charge of arrangements.

DGC 8-3-2017



# Homer 'Leon' Ikerd

Aug. 8, 1924 — Nov. 11, 2017

DALLAS CITY, Ill. — Homer "Leon" Ikerd, 93, of Dallas City, Ill., passed away at 4:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at his home.



Leon was born Aug. 8, 1924, near Carthage, Ill., the son of Homer F. and Leoma R. Barth Ikerd.

On Dec. 21, 1946, he married Frildo Mae Chewning in Fort Madison. She preceded him in death on Dec. 13, 1988.

As a young man, Leon worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, Sheaffer Pen and Brakeville Commercial Fishing. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946, serving as a radar operator during World War II. Leon began working for the IAAP soon after his military service. In 1973, he started working for General Electric in Burlington, retiring in 1987. He was a member of Grace Bible Church, Dallas City, and the Dallas City American Legion.

Survivors include a daughter, Shawna (Robert) Britton of Tomah, Wis.; six grandchildren, Darin Gentry, Bryon Gentry, Jason (Maureen) Nylin, Jaime (Greg) Shultz, Brent (Veralynn) Strawhacker and Cassie Stalsberg; nine great-grandchildren, Kohl, Riley and Delaney Nylin, Kaleb, Carter and Ashley Shultz, Gregory Webb, Trevor Gentry and Jackson Strawhacker; and two great-great-grandchildren, Layton and Ayden Shultz.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frildo Mae; a son, Jerry Gentry; a daughter, Linda Nylin; and two brothers, Donald and Lester Ikerd.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grace Bible Church in Dallas City, with the Rev. Jim Luder officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Harris Cemetery, Dallas City.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

A memorial fund has been established for Grace Bible Church, Dallas City American Legion or Lee County Hospice.

To sign the guestbook or to leave an online condolence, visit Leon's obituary at [www.bank-sandbeals.com](http://www.bank-sandbeals.com).

DGC 11-13-2017



## Lester Lee Ikerd

Sept. 6, 1922 – March 31, 2011

CARTHAGE, Ill. – Lester Lee Ikerd, 88, of Carthage, Ill., died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011, in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Ill.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1922, in Powellton, Ill., the son of Homer and Leoma (Barth) Ikerd.

He was united in marriage to Helen Symmonds and then later to Margaret McNamara. Margaret passed away in 1986 and Les was then united in marriage to Louise Webb. She survives.

Lester served in the United States Navy during World War II.

He worked at the Electro Metals plant in Keokuk for more than 30 years. He also had driven school buses and operated a farm. Les was well known for his cattle production. He always had more than one job.

Les had many hobbies which he enjoyed, including shooting pool, playing cards and playing softball. He also enjoyed attending flea markets and buying and selling tools.

Additional survivors include: four children, Lesta (Ray "George") Sowers of Nauvoo, Ill., Sandy (Robert) Ikerd of Keokuk, Vickie (James) May of Niota, Ill., and Dennis (Donna) Ikerd of Hamilton, Ill.; a stepdaughter, Sherry Diaz of Dakoma, Okla.; 17 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leon Ikerd of Dallas City, Ill., and Donald Ikerd of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

He also was preceded in death by his parents.

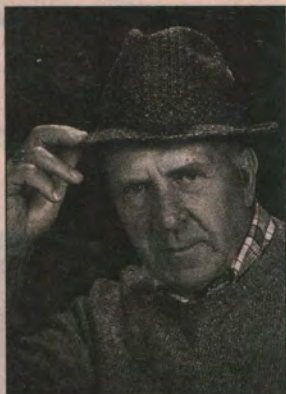
Services were scheduled this morning at Printy Funeral Home, Carthage.

Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, with military rites.

Visitation was held Sunday at the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established.

Printy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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DGC 4-4-2011

Otto Inden

## HUSBAND'S DEATH FOLLOWS CLOSELY

Otto Inden Died Early This Morning  
Two Days After His Wife's  
Passing, Early  
Sunday.

## CREeping PARALYSIS

Double Funeral Services Will be  
Conducted Thursday Probably  
For Well Known  
Citizens.

Sorrow, two-fold, has come to the Inden family, well known south side residents of this city. Sunday morning at one o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Inden, mention of whose passing was made in last evening's Gate City. At 8 o'clock this morning, the husband of the deceased woman, Otto Inden, died at the family residence, 1119 South Fourteenth street, at eight o'clock, after an illness of over a year with creeping paralysis. During the past four days Mr. Inden had been unconscious and he had been in a grave condition since a few days after last Thanksgiving, and was confined to his bed nearly all of the time since. He had not been informed of the death of his wife early Sunday and entered the other world peacefully without knowing of the demise of his long-time mate, the faithful wife.

The members of the Inden family are in deep sorrow over the death of both father and mother, and a double sorrow has wrapped both relatives and friends in gloom.

The deceased, Otto Inden, was born in Holland, sixty-eight years ago, the place of his wife's nativity. Many years ago, almost sixty, he came to this country and had made Keokuk his home place for many years. He served in the Iowa infantry, Company I, and saw much service in his country's time of need and strife. He was eighteen years old when he entered the army and served until honorably discharged.

Mr. Inden was a member of Belknap Post, G. A. R., this city, and for a number of years had taken active part in the movements of that organization of honored veterans. Decedent was also a member of St. Peter's Catholic church.

### Double Funeral.

Double funeral services will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Inden, probably on Thursday, although arrangements for the services have not yet been completed. Obsequies for Mrs. Inden were to have been held tomorrow, but since the death of the husband, the family has decided to hold services for both the mother and father in conjunction.

The following sons and daughters survive Mr. and Mrs. Inden. The only living relative of the former outside the immediate family, is a cousin, who makes his home at Vicksburg, Miss. The children surviving are:

Mrs. Jos. Richards, Mrs. William Lafeber and Mrs. J. W. Davenport of this city and Mrs. Charles Hendricks of Quincy, and four sons, Otto, of Paducah, Ky., Henry of Leslie, Ark., Phillip of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Joseph of this city. Also eleven grandchildren.

BURIED IN KEOKUK NATIONAL  
CEMETERY

SECTION H GRAVE 852

DGC 1-24-1911

## GOOD WOMAN DEAD; HUSBAND VERY LOW

Mrs. Otto Inden Died Sunday Morning  
and Mr. Inden is at Death's  
Door Today.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Inden are sorry to learn of her death early Sunday morning at one o'clock. Death came after an illness of several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Davenport, 1329 Cedar street, this city. At the present time Otto Inden, husband of the deceased woman, is at the point of death at the family residence on South Fourteenth street, and little hope is entertained for his recovery, he having been unconscious for the past three days and ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Mary Inden was born in Holland on the 4th of November, 1842. In the year 1855 she came to this country, her marriage occurring on July 3, 1865, to Otto Inden. The deceased was a good woman, possessed of many friends, and the mother of a well known and respected family.

Eight children survive beside the husband: Four daughters, Mrs. Jos. Richards, Mrs. William Lafeber and Mrs. J. W. Davenport of this city and Mrs. Charles Hendricks of Quincy, and four sons, Otto, of Paducah, Ky., Henry of Leslie, Ark., Phillip of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Joseph of this city. Also eleven grandchildren. Two brothers, Rudolph Schevers of Moor, Daniel Schevers of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Schneider.

DGC 1-23-1911

BURIED IN KEOKUK'S OAKLAND CEMETERY  
BLOCK Catholic JJ Lot 11

## VETERAN IS BURIED HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Torsten S. Ingebrigtsen, a private in Co. 5, 163rd Depot Brigade, in the World War, died Sunday in the veterans' hospital in Knoxville, Iowa, and burial was made yesterday in the National cemetery here. Dr. C. R. Logan was in charge. Carl Mundy acted as guard, Freddie Jack, Orville Fletcher and Edward Schard were members of the firing squad. Levi Fry was bugler, Leo Holland, color bearer and William Tomlinson, chaplain.

Mr. Ingebrigsten was a native of Norway, born April 14, 1886 at Helgeland, the son of Ole and Annie Olsen Ingebrigsten.

DGC 8-17-1939



# E. M. INGERSOLL KEOKUK PIONEER DIES IN HOSPITAL

He Attended First Session of Public  
Schools Ever Held and Served  
as Assessor and Alderman.

Ephriam M. Ingersoll died at 6:15 o'clock this morning at Graham hospital where he has been for the past three weeks. His health had been failing for several months but he had been seriously ill only a few weeks.

E. M. Ingersoll was born in Nauvoo, Ill., March 5, 1837, and came to Iowa with his parents, William and Hannah Ingersoll, when a very small boy. The family settled first at the old town of Augusta on Skunk river, then moved to Henry county, near Trenton. After this they lived in Jefferson county about two years and then came to Keokuk where Mr. Ingersoll has lived practically all the time since. He attended the first session of public schools ever taught in Keokuk and went to Sunday school at the old Bee Hive Methodist church.

Mr. Ingersoll went to Kansas for a short time and was in the Kansas militia during the first year of the civil war. He returned to Keokuk in the fall of 1862, when he enlisted with Company C, Forty-fifth Iowa infantry, and served as corporal. He was a member of Torrence post, G. A. R. and of the Methodist church.

Married in 1866.

On March 15, 1866, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary A. Seymour, who preceded him in death August 6, 1921. They had four children, three of whom survive their parents. Edgar L. Ingersoll of Keokuk, Mrs. T. Jackson, Warsaw, Ill., and Mrs. George W. Schenk, Belfast, Iowa. One son, Walter A. Ingersoll died at the age of eighteen years. A step-son, H. L. Seymour, of Dixon, Mo., also survives. Besides his children, Mr. Ingersoll is survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren one brother, J. M. Ingersoll of Cleveland, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Roberts of Ovilla, Washington.

Mr. Ingersoll was a well known merchant and real estate agent in Keokuk and was prominent in the political life of the city, having served as assessor and as alderman for two terms.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Pearson, Vaughan and Holbrook funeral parlors.



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DGC 10-24-1922

## G.H. Inghram

Nov. 2, 1921-June 28, 1992

MONTROSE — G.H. "Hank" Inghram, 70, of Route 3, Box 188, Montrose, died at 10 p.m. Sunday, June 28, in his home.

He was born Nov. 2, 1921, in Burlington, to Harry and Margaret Goble Inghram.

He married Mary Lou Walsh on Nov. 26, 1942, in Chelsea, Mass. She survives.

Other survivors include: a son, James Inghram of Montrose; a daughter, Mrs. James (Margaret) Nusbaum of Montrose; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter; a sister, Mrs. Selma Suesens of Kansas City, Kan.; a nephew and two nieces.

Mr. Inghram was a lifelong resident of Montrose and an electrician by trade. He was a retired salesman for B.L. Robinson of Burlington with 25 years of service. He was a World War II Veteran.

He served 24 years on the Central Lee Community School Board. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Montrose, the Montrose Lions Club, Burlington Eagles, V.F.W. at Large, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Tri-State Gun Club.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church in Montrose, with the Rev. Gerald Hoenig officiating.

Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be after noon Tuesday at the King-Lynk Funeral Home in Ft. Madison and the family will meet with friends from 7-8 p.m. A Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Central Lee Community Schools.

DGC 6-29-1992

## Gary A. Inlow

April 18, 1947 - Aug. 29, 1998

SEDALIA, Mo. - Gary A. Inlow, 51, of Sedalia, Mo., died Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, in Oronogo, Mo.

He was born on April 18, 1947, in Keokuk, the son of O.L. and Hazel Mae Bohon Inlow. He married Sara Orr on July 19, 1969, in Wayland, Mo. She survives.

Additional survivors include: his mother of Mexico, Mo.; two sons, David Inlow of Angleton, Texas, and Robert Inlow of Sedalia; a daughter, Catherine Inlow, at home; two brothers, Jim Inlow of Mexico, and Pat Inlow of Plano, Ill.; a sister, Rebecca Mincemeyer of Florissant, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He was raised and educated in Wayland, and was a graduate of Kahoka High School in Kahoka, Mo. He was also a graduate of Kentucky School of Mortuary Science.

Mr. Inlow was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War.

He worked at Whiteman Air Force Base for 24 years in the paint shop, and then in the water systems department.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge #236 A.F. and A.M., and was past master.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite. He was past president of Sedalia Shrine.

Mr. Inlow was Ambassador for District #7, Ararat Shrine and Fun-Kor, both in Kansas City, where he was past director.

He was a member of Sedalia's S.C.U.B.A. Down Under Diving Club.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post #2591, and Bothwell Hospital Auxiliary.

Mr. Inlow was a member of the First Christian Church in Sedalia.

Funeral services are at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church, with the Rev. Dr. William A. Curwood officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Masonic services are at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Ararat Shrine Burn Institute in Galveston, Texas.

DGC 8-31-1998

## Harvey Lee Inman

Jan. 11, 1940 – Dec. 13, 2000

Harvey Lee Inman, 60, of Keokuk, died at 8:28 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at Keokuk Area Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1940, in Keokuk, the son of Joseph Oscar Inman II and Kathleen Dunn Inman Schwartz.

Survivors include: his mother of Keokuk; two sons, Michael Inman and Christopher Inman of Florida; a daughter, Kathleen Inman of Florida; a brother, Hugh Gene Inman of Keokuk; a sister, Rita Mann of Keokuk; seven nephews, Rick Foreman and his wife, Tammy, James Foreman and his wife, Kathy, Terry Foreman and his wife, Michelle, Randy Foreman and his wife, Pam, Clarence Mann, Tony Eugene Inman and Michael Inman; a niece, Teresa Jean Ferguson and her husband, Don; a stepbrother, Bud Stringer of Kansas City, Mo.; and a stepsister, Judy Stringer.

He was preceded in death by his father; his stepfather, Hugh Schwartz; and a brother, Joseph O. Inman III.

He was a graduate of Keokuk High School and served in the United States Navy for 25 years.

Mr. Inman was a member of the American Legion Post #41 and the VFW Post #3508 of Keokuk.

Mr. Inman was a lifelong resident of Keokuk and was of the Christian faith.

Funeral services are at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at DeJong's Funeral Home in Keokuk, with the Rev. William Mitchell officiating.

Burial with full military rites will be in Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the funeral home.

OGC 12-15-2000

## Joseph Inman

Joseph O. Inman, III, 916½ Concert St., died at 11:05 p.m. Friday night at St. Mary's Hospital, Quincy, following brief illness.

He was born on December 29, 1936 in Keokuk, the son of Joseph O. and Kathleen Dunn Inman, II. He married Elizabeth Muse on September 8, 1967 in Boston, Mass. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, retiring on April 12, 1974, and returned to Keokuk at that time.

He was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Schwartz of Keokuk, two brothers, Harvey Lee Vn, U.S. Navy stationed in Fla., and Hugh Gene Inman of Keokuk, one sister, Mrs. Rita Sue Mann of Winchester, Mo., five daughters, Deborah, Karen, Diane, Kathleen and Denise of Boston, Mass.

He was preceded in death by his father and a son, Joseph.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at De-Jong's Funeral Home with Rev. Merlin J. Ackerson officiating. Interment will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

DGC 8-19-1978

## AN OLD KEOKUK RESIDENT GONE

At half past 1 o'clock this morning at her residence, 203 Fulton street, occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Inman. The cause of death was old age. Deceased was nearly 91 years of age and had resided in this city for the past 44 years. She was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and came to this country with her parents when she was about 15 years old, the family settling in Ohio. She was married and her husband, Samuel Inman, died of the cholera in Covington, Ky., in 1849. She continued to make her home in that city for some time and in 1857 removed to Keokuk, and this city has been her home since. During the war when the Estes house was used as a hospital, she was one of the nurses there. Two sons survive her, Morris Inman of Keokuk and Henry Inman of Hamilton. Besides these there are 12 grand children. During her long life, which was nearing the century mark, Mrs. Inman had seen many changes in human affairs. She was one of the best known nurses in the hospital here during the war.

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## SHE LIVED TO BE NINETY-ONE

Death of Mrs. Mary Inman, Pioneer  
of Keokuk and an Army Nurse  
in Hospital Here.

Mrs. Mary Inman died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the age of ninety-one years. She succumbed to old age at her home, 203 Fulton street.

She was one of the historic characters of Keokuk. She was one of the nurses in the Estes house hospital during the war when Keokuk was one of the largest hospital points in the union. Many old soldiers remember her and bless her.

She came here in 1857 from Covington, Ky., where her husband Samuel Inman, had died from cholera in 1849. She was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to America when fifteen years old, first settling in Ohio with her parents.

She is survived by two sons, Morris Inman of this city, and Henry Inman of Hamilton. She lived her life well and in her old age was highly respected by many friends.

GATE CITY 5-11-1901

## William Inman

Feb. 6, 1915-Sept. 5, 1991

Lifelong Keokuk resident William A. Inman, 76, of 3405 Middle Rd. died Thursday, Sept. 5, at his home.

He was born Feb. 6, 1915, in Keokuk to Clyde Irvin Inman and Helen Marie Jones Inman.

He was married to Loraine Reynolds. She preceded him in death. He later was married to Majorie Brown; she also preceded him in death.

Mr. Inman served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Keokuk.

Survivors include: six stepchildren, Jeanne Summers of Keokuk, Robert Reynolds of Burlington, Jack Brown of Lexington, Ky., Bart Brown of Blue Grass, Iowa, Ed Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Dan Brown of Hixson, Tenn.; two brothers, Irwin Henry Inman of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Donald Clyde Inman of Bodega Bay, Calif.; a sister, Margaret B. (Peggy) Dickey of Keokuk; and a number of stepgrandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a stepson.

A service was scheduled for this morning at DeJong's Funeral Home with the Rev. Edward Haun officiating.

Burial was to be in Keokuk National Cemetery.

DGC 9.9.1991

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## William T. Inman

Aug. 29, 1939-March 13, 1995

HAMILTON, Ill. — William Terry "Ta Ta" Inman, 55, Hamilton, died Monday, March 13, in his home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1939, in Keokuk, to Thomas Henry and Helen G. Buckert Inman.

Survivors include his mother of Hamilton; a daughter, Mrs. Brandon (Teri) Ames of Keokuk; a sister, Mrs. William (Rosemary) Churchill of Davenport, Iowa; a granddaughter of Keokuk; two nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Inman was a 1957 graduate of Hamilton High School. He attended the First Christian Church of Hamilton. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1961. He was a well-known bartender in the Hamilton and Keokuk area, starting out with his father at Tommy's in Hamilton. He was an avid sports fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and the University of Illinois.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Lamporte Funeral Home of Hamilton with the Rev. John R. Simpson officiating.

Burial will be in Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation is after 5 p.m. today at the funeral home with family meeting friends from 7 to 9 p.m.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

DBC 3-16-1995



## Lyle Inskeep

Nov. 15, 1923-Oct. 13, 1992

Lyle Darwin Inskeep, 68, Keokuk, died at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at his home.

He was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Keokuk to Merle D. and Linnie Leota Knapp Inskeep.

He was married March 14, 1945, in Sloan, Iowa, to Leila Lander. She survives.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Kerry Krebill of Bethesda, Md., and Janet I. Winkelman of Alexandria, Mo.; two sons, Richard D. Inskeep of New London, N.C., and John M. Inskeep of Brownsburg, Ind.; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Inskeep was preceded in death by his parents.

He had worked as a plant engineer at Foote Mineral for 27 years and as project engineer at The Hubinger Co. for 10 years.

Mr. Inskeep was a lifelong resident of Keokuk and graduated from Iowa State University. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of First Christian Church where he was elder emeritus. He was a member of Keokuk Lions Club, Hardin Lodge 29, AF & AM, the Elks and Graham Hospital Board of Directors. He was a volunteer for the Keokuk Area Hospital Auxiliary, and served as timekeeper at many Keokuk High School track meets.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church with the Rev. William Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is today at DeJong's Funeral Home with family meeting friends 7-9 tonight.

Memorials are established with First Christian Church and Lee County Hospice.

DGC 10-14-1992

## Ivan Irvin

Ivan D. Irvin, 55, Croton, died at 11:45 p.m. Friday at his home.

Born Feb. 14, 1917 at Kahoka, he was the son of Lucreate and Mary H. Hull Irvin. His father preceded him in death in 1918 and he was raised in the home of his step-father, Alva Wickham, who preceded him in death in 1971.

He married Rhonda Jane Bramhall Oct. 21, 1950 at Kahoka.

He retired from the U.S. Navy December, 1964. After his retirement he was employed at the Iowa State Correctional Institution and the I.A.A.P. in Burlington.

He was a member of the Christian church of Kahoka, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion of Farmington and the Loyal Order of Moose of Ft. Madison.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Michael D. Irvin, Morris, Ill.; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy K. Peabody, Brookline, Mass.; mother, Mrs. Mary Hazel Wickham, Kahoka; three brothers, Elmer I. Irvin, Albuquerque; H. Milton Wickham, Torrington, Wyo., Carroll Wickham, Burlington; one sister, Mrs. Eddie (Helen Irvin) Whitney, Denver; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Schmidt Memorial Home with the Rev. R. Terry Halstead officiating.

Military rites will be held at the National cemetery.

DGC 10-23-1972

## Rhoda Bramhall Irvin

Feb. 7, 1924-April 9, 1991

Rhoda Bramhall Irvin, 67, of 806 N. 11th St., died at 1:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, in the Montrose Care Center, Montrose.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1924, in Browning, Mo., the daughter of G. Oral and Nina Kathryn Pipes Bramhall. She married Ivan D. Irvin on Oct. 21, 1950, in Kahoka. He preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 1972.

She was employed as a Western Union Operator for 15 years at the Iowa Ordinance Plant, a proofreader for the Daily Gate City, secretary for the Keokuk Chamber of Commerce, and a secretary for the United Rubber Workers until her retirement in 1989. She was a member of the Oak Harbor Christian Church, Oak Harbor, Wash.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Nina Bramhall of Keokuk; a sister, Mrs. Keith (Danelle) Mason of Keokuk; and a brother, Ronald O. Bramhall of Keokuk.

She also was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Vigen Memorial Home with the Rev. William Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Vigen Memorial Home after 1 p.m. Wednesday with the family meeting friends from 7 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

DGC 4-9-1991

## James Irvin

19 SEP 1978

James L. Irvin, 56, of 1606 Carroll St. died suddenly at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday evening at Keokuk Area Hospital East.

Mr. Irvin was born June 24, 1922 in Keokuk, the son of Frank and Bessie Huele Irvin. He had been a life long resident of Keokuk.

He married Irene Rhodes on Dec. 5, 1941 in Kahoka, Mo.

Mr. Irvin was employed by the U.S. Post Office as a letter carrier.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; three grandchildren, Marel Wayne, Darrell Lee and Patsy Darlene Irvine, all of Keokuk; and two sisters, Mrs. Julius (Clatie) Boeding of Keokuk and Mrs. Frank Vera Schnedler of Burlington.

He was preceded by his parents and two sons, Franklin H. and James Irvin, Jr.

Services will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, at the DeJong Funeral Home with the Rev. R. Terry Halstead officiating. Burial with military service will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Visitation will start after 7 p.m. this evening. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church.

DGC 9-20-1978

## James L. Irvin, Jr.

James Lawrence Irvin, Jr., 30; 1002½ Concert, was pronounced dead on arrival at Graham Hospital at 9:30 a.m. Friday. His body had been found a short while earlier in his auto parked at the Keokuk Municipal airport.

The cause of death has not yet been determined, pending the results of an autopsy. A preliminary examination indicates death may have been the result of natural causes.

Born Sept. 25, 1943 in Keokuk, he was the son of James L. and Irene Mae Rose Irvin. He was a lifelong resident of Keokuk. He graduated from Keokuk high school in 1962, and was employed at the Site Oil Co.

Irvin was a veteran of Viet Nam. He was married to Marlene Johnson March 4, 1966. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents; a daughter, Patsy Darlene; two sons, Merle Wayne and Darrell Lee.

The funeral service will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. at the DeJong Funeral Home with the Rev. Hollis Wilhelm officiating. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery, with military rites at the grave.

DGC

12-8-1973



## 'Deadhead' James Oliver Irvin

Oct. 20, 1943 – Aug. 13, 2010

DALLAS CENTER – "Deadhead" James Oliver Irvin, 67, of Dallas Center, formerly of Keokuk, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, in Peru, Ind.

He was born on Oct. 20, 1943, in Rochester, Pa., the son of Robert H. Irvin and Alberta L. Azinger Irvin.

He attended Keokuk Community College. He served in the United States Army. He lived in the Keokuk/Montrose area most of his life, but in recent years had spent winters in Wilton, Ariz., and summers in Dallas Center.

He worked most of his life as an over-the-road truck driver until retirement. Upon retiring, he did odd jobs in trucking/hauling and helping friends with farming and enjoying life.

Deadhead was an avid racing fan. He loved NASCAR. He enjoyed watching races in Newton, Knoxville, Boone, Stuart, Adel and pretty much all over the United States. If there was a race, he would be there to see it.

Survivors include: two brothers, Bob (Doris) Irvin of Keokuk and David (Marcia) Irvin of Kirksville, Mo.; nieces and nephews, Kim (Cheryl) Irvin of Montrose, Ellen (Doug) Weiss of Dallas Center, Jill (Bob) Gull of Keokuk, Susan (Scott) Spencer of Irvine, Texas, and Tammy Irvin and Matthew Irvin of the Chicago area; and great-nieces and nephews including, Eric (Jennifer) Irvin, Megan Irvin and Hannah Weiss.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Deadhead had a multitude of cherished and dear friends from all over the United States, Keokuk, Dallas Center, Peru, Yuma, Ariz., and Pennsylvania. He never met a stranger and was always ready to pull up a chair, have a cold one and have a chat.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeJong's Funeral Home, Keokuk, with the Rev. Rodney Underwood officiating.

Burial will be in Sandusky Cemetery, north of Keokuk, with full military rites.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Legion Post 41 of Keokuk, Keokuk Humane Society or Sandusky Cemetery.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).



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DGC 8-17-2010

# Gift from former Keokuk man's estate supports Iowa State

FOR THE DAILY GATE CITY

AMES — An estate gift from James Oliver “Deadhead” Irvin will provide support for Iowa State University.



The Dallas Center resident, formerly of Keokuk, died in August 2010 at age 67. He divided his estate between Iowa State University, the University of Iowa and the American Cancer Society, contributing approximately \$140,000 to each organization.

The gift to ISU, made through the Iowa State University Foundation, will support the Greater University Fund for

Excellence. This general fund is used at the discretion of Iowa State President Steven Leath as needs arise in the university's most critical areas such as student scholarships, faculty needs and program support.

Irvin worked most of his life until retirement as an over-the-road truck driver — that's how he earned his nickname, “Deadhead,” which means driving without a load.

He was born Oct. 20, 1943, in Rochester, Pa., to Robert Irvin and Alberta (Azinger) Irvin.

“Deadhead was a fun person to be around. He never met a stranger, and he loved doing kind things for people,” said his niece, Ellen

Weiss, of Dallas Center. “Although the family didn't know his plans or the extent of what he had saved, it was typical of his generous nature to want to do good for these important organizations.”

“Gifts like this mean a great deal to Iowa State,” said Betsy Hoffman, the university's executive vice president and provost. “His generosity illustrates the level of respect and support many Iowans have for the University of Iowa and Iowa State. Generous gifts such as this recognize that universities serve to enrich young lives and local communities and to prepare the next generation of Iowa's leaders.”

DGC 5-16-2012



## Robert H. Irvin Jr.

April 29, 1933 – March 5, 2011

Longtime businessman Robert H. Irvin Jr., 77, of Keokuk died at 2:35 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011, in Lexington Square, Keokuk.

He was born on April 29, 1933, in Keokuk, the son of Robert H. Sr. and Alberta L. Azinger Irvin.

He married Doris Tiemann on June 17, 1956, in Montrose. She survives.

He lived in the Keokuk and Montrose area most of his life.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a Keokuk businessman for more than 55 years, owning and operating Irvin Cycle Sales.

He was a member of Keokuk Lodge 29, A.F. & A.M., Scottish Rite of Quincy, Ill., KAABA Shrine of Davenport, Keokuk Humane Society and Motorcycle Dealers Association of Iowa.

Additional survivors include: three children, Kim Irvin and his wife, Cheryl, of Montrose, Ellen Weis and her husband, Doug, of Dallas Center and Jill Gull and her husband, Bob, of Keokuk; three grandchildren, Eric Irvin and his wife, Jennifer, of West Liberty, Hannah Weiss of Dallas Center and Megan Irvin of Montrose; two great-grandchildren, Owen and Abigail Irvin, both of West Liberty; a brother, David Irvin and his wife, Marcia, of Kirksville, Mo.; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James O. Irvin.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeJong-Greaves Celebration of Life Center, 917 Blondeau St., Keokuk, with the Rev. Rodney Underwood officiating.

Burial with full military rites will follow in the Sandusky Cemetery, rural Keokuk.

Visitation is after 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with family meeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. A public Masonic memorial service will be at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Keokuk Humane Society, Sandusky Cemetery Association or Keokuk American Legion Post 41.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).



## Doris Irvin

Jan. 17, 1934 – Sept. 7, 2017

Doris Irvin, 83, of Keokuk, passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, at her home.

Doris was born Jan. 17, 1934, in Keokuk, the daughter of Harold and Nima Hutchins Tiemann.

She married Robert H. Irvin June 17, 1956, in Montrose. He preceded her in death March 5, 2011.

She lived in the Keokuk and Montrose area most of her life. She was a Keokuk businesswoman for over 61 years, owning and operating Irvin Cycle Sales. She was an active member of the Church of All Saints and Prayer Chain. She was a member of the Business Professional



Women and Keokuk Humane Society. Doris enjoyed sewing, knitting and mostly enjoyed her family and extended family on both sides.

Doris is survived by her three children, Kim (Cheryl) Irvin of Montrose, Ellen (Doug) Weiss of Dallas Center and Jill (Bob) Gull of Keokuk; three grandchildren, Eric (Jennifer) Irvin of West Liberty, Hannah Weiss of Columbus, Ohio, and Megan Irvin of Ankeny; three great-grandchildren, Owen, Abby and Ian Irvin of West Liberty; sister, Helen Lundeen of Mediapolis; brother, Jerry (Fadila) Tiemann of Coppers Grove, Texas; brother-in-law, David Irvin of Kirksville, Mo.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Harold Jay Tiemann; and two brothers-in-law, James O. Irvin and Kenny Lundeen.

A celebration of her life will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at DeJong-Greaves Celebration of Life Center, 917 Blondeau St., Keokuk, with the Rev. Robert Lathrop officiating, with burial to follow in Sandusky Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today, with family meeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. A Christian wake will be at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Church of All Saints or Keokuk Humane Society.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DGC 3-7-2011

DGC 9-11-2017

# Pvt. Fritz, the motorcycle-loving dog,

## remembered

BY MARY SUE CHATFIELD  
SPECIAL TO MVM NEWS NETWORK

It was recently learned that years ago, long time Keokuk resident Bob Irvin of Irvin Cycle Sales was responsible for a German resident's immigration to the United States.

In fact, the immigrant not only came to the United States, but came right here to Lee County, where he lived out the rest of his natural life.

The beginning of this story was told in the Jan. 29, 1956, issue of "Start and Stripes" newspaper.

Following the headline "Cycle Hound Is ZI Bound," this is how the story read:

"The news shook Rhine Ordnance Barracks: 'Pvt. Fritz is going home!' It was true. Pvt. Fritz, a motorcycle-loving dogface, was to be heading back in just a few short weeks. Why all the fuss? Fritz is a dog.

"Mascot at the Kaiserslautern installation since November 1953 (with the exception of an eight-month transfer to Mannheim), Fritz was found wandering on post, picked up by Sp3 Robert Irvin Jr. of the 517th Ord. Co., and there he has remained.

"After a short while, interest in Fritz as a curiosity dwindled. Then the private with the year-round khaki uniform decided to take up motorcycling. The interest returned. Fritz and his master, Irvin, would hop aboard a motorcycle and blaze past crowds of skeptics.

"Fritz was then transferred to Mannheim where he received the opportunity of his life. Mannheim has one of the few 'Cycling Barrels' in Germany. The 'Barrel' is a small bowl-shaped arena where cyclists must build up tremendous speeds to remain

perpendicular to the sides of the bowl. It's dangerous and takes a good driver and proper balance to keep from being injured or killed, but the private with his ranking master, both natural 'give 'em a thrill' entertainers, did it and did it well.

"The fun and glory of the entertainment world didn't last forever and Fritz one again returned to ROB. Here he rested, awaiting his trip to the States and retirement, when he'll have a chance to reminisce without interruptions from the first sergeant, and a chance to bark his past adventures to the civilians.

"The short-timer will fly from Frankfurt to New York and then go by train to his new home in Montrose, Iowa. He'll be met at the depot by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irvin Sr., parents of his master who'll arrive a few weeks later.

"And just what does Pvt. Fritz have to say about this whole thing? In his own words: 'Ruff.'"

Left wondering about the "rest of the story," family members were contacted and were more than happy to share the adventures of Fritz in his newly adopted home. Arriving in America a couple of weeks before his master, Fritz was indeed taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irvin Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin were proprietors of the local lumber yard on the corner of Main and Chestnut streets in Montrose.

In addition, they sold coal to heat homes in the winter and blocks of ice to keep food cool in the summer. Fritz spent his time helping oversee the business while awaiting the arrival of his master, Bob Irvin Jr. in March 1956.

Little did Fritz realize it, but he was soon faced with

another adjustment.

In June 1956, Bob Jr. married his high school sweetheart, Doris Tieman. Fritz had become accustomed to sleeping with his master, but the new bride said, "No way," so different sleeping arrangements were made, giving Fritz quarters of his own.

Following a move to Keokuk, Fritz's master began a watch and shaver repair business between Seventh and Eighth on Main Street. A short six years later, Irvin purchased a motorcycle, and a year later began working on motorcycles for a living. Fritz seemed overjoyed at this renewed involvement with motorcycles and soon regained his position as his master's side kick on rides around the area.

July 5, 1966, was a sad day for the Irvin family. Fritz, the motorcycle riding dog who began his life as a stray outside a mess hall in Germany, immigrated to the United States, and had become a beloved member of the family, passed away in his sleep of natural causes. Old age had finally caught up with him.

His exact age was unknown, but it is known that 13 years had passed since Irvin had made friends with Fritz by slipping food to him outside that mess hall in far away Germany - a ripe old age for a dog that had lived life to its fullest.

A tombstone seemed a fitting way to mark the memory of this dog that had been such an integral part of the family. Even though the tombstone can still be seen in the back yard behind Irvin Cycle Sales, his family soon learned this symbol isn't necessary to keep the memory of Fritz alive in the hearts of those who loved him.

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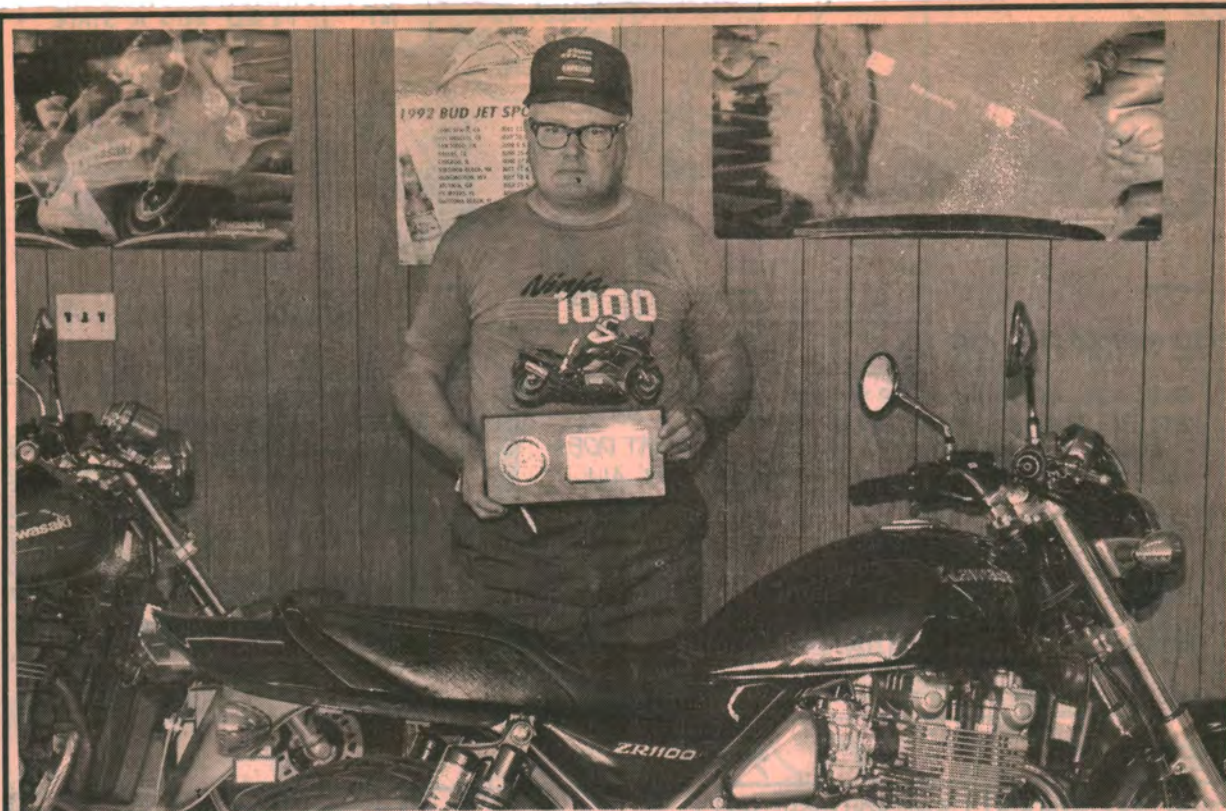
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**ABOVE:** Fritz, the motorcycle riding dog, enjoyed riding with his master Bob Irvin Jr., while Irvin was stationed in the Army in Germany. **RIGHT:** This tombstone serves as a monument to a beloved member of the Bob Irvin Jr. family.



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### Service award

Bob Irvin (and wife Doris) of Irvin Cycle Sales in Keokuk were recently awarded a commemorative plaque at the 1993 Kawasaki New Model Show in San Diego for 20 years of service as an authorized

Kawasaki dealer. Bob and his wife have been in the motorcycle business since 1956 with locations on South Fifth Street, 12th and Fulton, 12th and Johnson, and the present site at 12th and Main.

DGC 10-28-1992

# Irvin Cycle ending at auction

## Store has been on Main for 45 years

JOE BENEDICT

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On July 26, a half a dozen enclosed trailers were around the building that housed Irvin Cycle Sales for 45 years at 1128 Main Street loading up bikes and other items. On Saturday, Aug. 11, the history of the shop will come to a close as a public auction will be held on the site.

The Irvins, Robert and Doris, were in the motorcycle business since 1965. Before that the couple were in the jewelry and watch repair business, starting in 1956. Robert passed away in 2011 with Doris passing away almost one year ago, in September.

"There have been a lot of motorcycles through here," Jill Gull, daughter of Robert and Doris said.

In the middle of July, Keokuk

residents saw, what has been an institution in the city, start to wrap up its history when the Irvin Cycle Sales signs came off the side of the building on the corner of 12th and Main Streets where they had been for as long as a lot of residents can remember.

The last few motorcycles, housed in the main building and several of the other buildings owned by the Irvin family were sold recently.

Kim Irvin said there likely won't be motorcycles at the auction, or very few, some motorcycle parts and memorabilia, along with some household items.

Kim is ready to retire himself, so he did not want to take on the business. Their head mechanic, Gerald Buckner also was looking to retire, so the family decided it was a good time.

"We're going to miss all our good customers from over the years," Kim said. "We appreciated their business."

The business holds a lot of



COURTESY PHOTO

**Robert and Doris Irvin were in business in Keokuk since 1956. Robert died in 2011. After Doris passed away last year, the family decided to close the motorcycle dealership.**

memories for Kim and Jill. They said they always had motorcycles to ride and their parents weren't afraid to let them. She remembered once her dad was trying to teach her hill climbing.

"He was trying to show me how to ride a wheelie over a hill," she said.

She said it was kind of nice as a kid in the 60s, when a lot of people did not have air conditioning, to be able to get to go on motorcycle rides to cool down.

With 45 years of history in the main street buildings, there

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# IRVIN: items to be auctioned Aug. 11

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was a lot of accumulation. Kim and Jill said they didn't really find anything unexpected when organizing the items, but did find some things they had forgotten about.

"It was more like 'Oh wow, I remember this,'" Jill said.

There's hundreds of stories the two could tell about their parents, but they started thinking about their dad's dog, Fritz. Kim said his dad was in the service and stationed in Germany. This dog had been adopted by his unit and he ended up bringing it back to the U.S.

Kim said he remembers a story of Fritz riding on the motorcycle with his dad and a bug flew into the dogs eye. The dog started pawing at his eye and almost caused his dad to lay the bike down, but he got it stopped.

The Irvins also had a great work ethic. Kim said his mom, who passed away Sept. 7, was at work at the store on Sept. 6 and was making plans for the next day.

"They liked when people came in to talk to them," Jill said. "They always liked visiting with people."

The Irvins started their first motorcycle shop at 428 N. 12th Street. Then as they grew, they moved to 1128 Johnson St. and then up the block to their



...hospitals are surprised when Sgt Irvin whistles to with "Frit Fritz" aboard. —A  
**Cycle Hound Is ZI Bound**  
THE NEWS SHOOK 1000s of...  
It was true, Fritz, a motorcycle...  
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COURTESY PHOTO  
**This newspaper clipping shows Robert Irvin with his dog, Fritz, who used to ride on his motorcycle with him. Fritz was brought back from Germany after Robert left the service.**

current location in the 1970s.

They sold various brands of motorcycles over the years, Kawasaki, of course, as the sign on the building said for many years, but Kim listed off various other brands, some well known, like Suzuki and Yamaha, but others may be not as well known as

Norton, Bultaco, Benelli and more.

The Irvins own several of the buildings in the 1100 block of Main. Kim said all the buildings are spoken for, so they will not be part of the auction.

The auction will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the shop site, 1128 Main Street.

DGC 8-3-2018

## Alexander Irwin, 58, dies, funeral Tuesday

Alexander J. Irwin, 58, of 633 Grand Ave. died at 10:05 p.m. Sunday in Graham hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Member of a prominent Keokuk family, he was born September 17, 1910 in Keokuk, the son of the late John R. and Mrs. Florence Johnstone Irwin.

His grandfather, John N. Irwin was minister to Portugal and territorial governor of Arizona and his father John R. Irwin was speaker of the Iowa House.

He attended Keokuk schools, was graduated from Lawrenceville prep school in 1929 and was graduated from Princeton University with the class of 1933.

A polo player at Princeton, he covered matches in Chicago for the Chicago American and had been a circus buff for many years, owning calliopes and circus wagons which he displayed throughout the country.

A veteran of world War II, he was discharged with the rank of major. He was in the real estate business in Chicago. He was a member of Westminster United Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Mulbrey Tower, his mother, a brother John N. II of New York City, a nephew John and niece Jane as well as other relatives.

The body is at DeJong's Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the residence, 633 Grand, with Dr. William H. Kettlitz officiating. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

DGC 3-10-1969

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Harold L. Irwin  
Burial Next Week

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday afternoon, April 20, in DeJong's funeral home for Pvt. Harold Leroy Irwin, killed in action on Iwo Jima, Mar. 8, 1945.

Irwin is the son of George and Emma Jeffery Irwin. He was born July 12, 1925, in Mt. Pleasant, Ia., and attended grade school there. At the age of 11 he moved to Chicago, graduating from Crane Technical high school there.

At 18 he enlisted in Company 1, Third Division of the Ninth U. S. Marine corps. Irwin trained at San Diego, Calif., and also at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif. He was sent overseas Dec. 29, 1943.

Surviving are his parents in Ft. Dodge, Ia.; one sister, Dorothy May of Chicago; and one brother, Billy Irwin, at home. Several aunts and uncles also survive. Burial will be in National cemetery here.

DGC 4-15-1948

HAROLD LEROY IRWIN

Funeral service for Pfc. Harold Leroy Irwin was held at 1 p. m., yesterday in DeJong's Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul M. McDade officiating. Music was by Mrs. Florence Wright Schouten.

American Legion services were conducted in the National cemetery with Emory Prunty as acting commander, the Rev. G. E. Graham, chaplain; Thomas Dolan and John Warnock, color guard and colors; Roy Altheide, Kenneth Nye, Lloyd Brown and Jack Dose as the firing squad; and Tommy Atkins and Levi Fry as the buglers.

DGC 4-21-1948

ARMED FORCES GRAVES REGISTRATION RECORD

LEE COUNTY

This Record Filed by Soldiers Relief Commission

RECORD No.

County Lee War Served in W. W. # 2

Full Name of Deceased Irwin Harold Leroy  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Age Nearest Birthday 20 Race \_\_\_\_\_

Last Known Address H. Dodge Iowa Webster  
(City or Town) (State) (County)

Place of Death Iwo Jima (Street Number, Etc.) Date of Death 3-<sup>16</sup>-1945

Place of Burial Lee Keokuk Jackson  
(County - City - Town or Township)

Name of Cemetery U. S. National Sec D Grave 8

Date of Burial April 20 1948  
Grave Location (Section, Lot and Block No.)

Father of Deceased George Irwin Ft Dodge Iowa. 1108-4-ave n. H Dodge  
(Name and Address)

Mother of Deceased Emma Jeffery Irwin Ft Dodge Iowa. 812-8-ave n.  
(Name and Address)

Wife or Husband \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Address)

Other Blood Relatives Sister- Dorothy May, Chicago Ill. Brother Billy  
(Name and Addresses)

Irwin Ft Dodge. Iowa.

Membership Veterans Organizations \_\_\_\_\_  
(Names and Year)

Serial Number in Armed Forces 520014

Rank at Time of Discharge Pvt- First Marines

Birth of Deceased, Date July 12 1925 Place Mt Pleasant. Iowa.

Induction into Armed Forces, Date 9-10 1943 Place Chicago Ill age 18

Discharged from Armed Forces, Date KIA

Place Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Armed Forces Marines

Organization Served with Co. I-3rd Div. 9th U. S. Marines Corp A. B. F 12-29-1943

Type of Discharge KIA

Remarks: Funeral Director- Wm. DeJong. Returned on USAF. Walter W. Schenk 4/1/48

Trained at San Diego-Calif. also at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside Calif

Overseas- Dec. 29- 1943

Mil Serv. American Legion. Keo . Post 41.

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# HON. JOHN N. IRWIN DIED THIS MORNING

## Keokuk's Most Distinguished Citizen Passes Peacefully Away

### FORMER U. S. MINISTER TO PORTUGAL

Ex-Governor of Idaho and Arizona, Ex-Mayor of Keokuk,  
Honored Many Times By The People and a Man  
Deserving of the Honor, Died at Hot  
Springs at Dawn of Day.

Wearied of his burden, Hon. John N. Irwin laid it down and is at rest. He passed away quietly and peacefully at 5 o'clock this morning at Hot Springs, Ark.

The death of Keokuk's most distinguished citizen, Hon. John N. Irwin, occurred this morning at 5 o'clock at Hot Springs, where he had gone over a month ago for the benefit of his health. The news of his death came as a painful shock to all of Keokuk and the tolling of the fire bells this morning, announcing the fact to the public, made many an eye fill with tears, for the deceased was held in the highest esteem by all, and was the friend of all who knew him and was a man whose death has saddened the hearts of the entire community.

A Keokuk citizen, a lover of the city, a man who had faith, interest and attachments here, he was never so contented as when at home. Honored three times by presidents of the United States with appointments to responsible and honorable positions, he resigned each one in turn and came back to the city he loved so well and whose citizens loved him so well.

No Keokuk citizen had achieved the enviable position which Hon. John N. Irwin had. No citizen had received the honors. Yet with all these, to his friends and the people of Keokuk, he was ever and always John N. Irwin, modest and unassuming, his head not turned by his honors and achievements.

#### HIS MONUMENTS.

His monuments, which shall endure as long as memory lasts, are not confined to his official positions. He had qualities of mind and character, talents and reputation as well. He was honored by the people of this city, by the people of the county and by the nation as well.

The list is a long one, yet half is not told in the following:

United States minister to Portugal.  
Governor of Idaho.

Governor of Arizona.  
Mayor of Keokuk.  
Iowa state senator.

College graduate, editor, lawyer, business man, founder of Keokuk institutions and director in various enterprises, his life had been a busy one. Every citizen of Keokuk who has lived here any length of time came in contact with him in some way, for his interests were many and he was always ready and willing to be identified with anything for the city's advancement.

#### IN PRIVATE LIFE.

In public Mr. Irwin reached the top-most rounds. In private life he was as successful. He was quiet, dignified, polished. He was a scholar and his oratory is a memory which the older citizens will not soon forget.

He was possessed of superior qualities which shone forth wherever he might be. In the home, in his business house, or in the public eye, John N. Irwin always showed what he was. He was so well known that eulogy over the man's qualities seem needless at this time.

Now that he has passed away, laying down the heavy burden and sinking softly and quietly to sleep, his admirable qualities are remembered more forcibly by those who were his friends.

The neighbor mourns for a good neighbor; the business man mourns for a good business man; the citizen mourns for a good citizen; all Keokuk mourns a good Keokukian.

He loved his home life and delighted to do what he could to cheer the down-hearted. He was the friend of all, one who loved his fellow man and one who observed the golden rule, doing unto others what he would they should do to him, or even better, were the opportunity afforded.

#### THE CITY'S GRIEF.

And this man, big-hearted, generous, kind and benevolent, has passed away. Though his familiar face will no longer smile upon those who loved

him, he is not out of the hearts of the people. His memory will live for years to come.

When word of his death was received this morning it cast a veil of sorrow over the entire city. The fire bells were tolled and hearts were saddened.

The first word of his death came in a message from Judge Wm. Logan to Geo. E. Rix, who conveyed the sad news to Mr. Irwin's brother, Wells M. Irwin.

Soon after, Judge Logan sent the following message to Wells M. Irwin: "Wearied of his burden, John laid it down and is at rest. He passed away quietly and peacefully at 5 this morning."

Quietly and peacefully—just such a passing from this world as John N. Irwin was entitled to. That his final summons came in such a peaceful manner is one ray of sunshine which pierces the clouds of gloom cast by the news of his death. Surrounded by loved ones, he closed his tired eyes, laid down the burden which had been staggering his footsteps, and fell asleep.

His death occurred far from the home he loved so well. Had he the choice, death would have come at his beloved home, in Keokuk, overlooking the great river, the home which he had enjoyed for many years, in the city where he was the friend of all and where all knew and loved him. Where he had triumphed in life's battles, where he had been honored, from where he had gone to foreign shores to represent his own country. Pity it is that his death could not have taken place in his own home; yet the pain was not intense to this man. His family were about him and the hearts of his friends beat for him, though their hands could not reach his.

#### SICK FOR MANY DAYS.

Mr. Irwin had been sick for many days. Death came as a relief to mortal suffering.

Over a month ago he went to Hot Springs. At that time he was seriously sick with kidney trouble, supposed to be Bright's disease. The treatment he received at Hot Springs benefited him, but the attending physicians noted that bronchial trouble had arisen and that he was endangered from an attack of pneumonia.

During the past few days daily messages from his bedside had been received. Each message offered but little hope, yet his friends would not give up their hopes. This morning came the end.

Mr. Irwin's failure in health is attributed to the trip he made with other Keokuk citizens last winter to Washington, when before congress they represented the city in the effort to secure the passage of the water power bill.

The party of Keokuk men were successful and to Mr. Irwin belongs a great deal of the credit for the successful work.

He sacrificed himself at this time for the city. He had done it before during his residence here. The committee were in Washington during a severe cold spell. They worked hard and the strain upon the men was a great one. Mr. Irwin took sick at that time and his death can be traced back to those days during the middle of last January when he mingled with senators and congressmen, convincing them that what he asked of them was for the best.

Keokuk owes a debt which can never be paid, to John N. Irwin, for this one act of his alone, yet this was not the first time he had shown his love and loyalty to the city. It was one of his last.

Mrs. Irwin, daughter and son were present at Hot Springs when the end came.

#### JUST IN KEOKUK.

Just in Keokuk alone Mr. Irwin won distinction. His record is well known to most of the people, yet there are many who have never heard one-half.

He came here in 1856 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Irwin. Eleven years after, or in 1867, he graduated from Dartmouth college, after attending the public schools of Keokuk. No need at this time to state that his record at college was a high one. His after life tells that he must have been a leader at school.

He went to the Civil war from Keokuk, serving his country in time of need.

He studied law here with Rankin and Miller, studied law in Cincinnati with Stanley Mathews and formed a law partnership in Keokuk with James Hagerman.

After practicing law for some time, he entered the wholesale dry goods house with his father and Mr. Sawyer and was interested in the store at the time of his death.

He was mayor of the city for two terms.

He was a member of the state legislature.

He was the organizer of the Keokuk Loan and Building association and for a time served as president of this institution. This was one of those things he did of which he always took a pride, and one of the things which remains as a monument to him.

He was the first president of the Keokuk Opera House company, being instrumental in the building of the opera house in this city.

He took a prominent part in the organization of a paid fire department and the securing for Keokuk of a water works system.

He ever had the interests of the city at heart and was always identified with every public measure.

He was a director in the Iowa State Insurance company, the Keokuk Savings bank and the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power company at the time of his death.

He was a Mason and a member of the Knights Templar. From his college days he retained his membership in the Delta Kappa Epsilon.

He was not a church member, but was a christian man.





Mr. Irwin was once an editor. For a time he was the editor of the Gazette of Fort Wawne, Ind., and had always taken a deep interest in newspapers since that time. The newspapers always found a friend in Mr. Irwin. He was a stockholder in the Gate City at the time of his death.

#### BROUGHT KEOKUK HONOR.

Three times, Mr. Irwin brought honor to Keokuk, for three times did presidents of the United States see in him the proper material and appoint him to responsible positions.

In 1883 President Arthur appointed John N. Irwin as governor of Idaho,

the chief state executive at that time being an appointive office by the president.

Mr. Irwin served, and resigned before his time was up. He received his salary just the same, but refused it, sending the check back to Washington. The officials there told him that there was no provision made for such a return, unless the money be put into the conscience fund. Into

this fund Mr. Irwin would not agree to the money being deposited, and so he had to accept it after all.

In 1890 President Harrison appointed him as governor of Arizona, and again was the Keokuk citizen honored and the citizens made to feel proud. He resigned this position also, after serving for some time.

Then came a still greater honor, when President McKinley in 1899 appointed him as United States minister to Portugal. He left for that foreign shore and represented this government at Lisbon for some time, then resigned and came back home.

#### WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS.

Mr. Irwin was born on Christmas day, in Butler county, Ohio, and would have been 62 years of age had he lived until next Monday.

John Nicol Irwin came to Keokuk in 1856 from Chicago, with his parents, and had made this city his home ever since that time.

He was married here to Miss Beate Rankin, daughter of the late John W. Rankin a prominent attorney of Keokuk years ago.

Besides Mrs. Irwin the survivors are two daughters and a son: Mrs. Rollo M. Kendrick of St. Louis, Miss Beth Irwin and John N. Irwin Jr.

Wells M. Irwin is a brother of the deceased.

The remains are to leave Hot Springs this evening arriving here possibly on Saturday, and the funeral arrangements will be completed later. Judge William Logan, who has been at Hot Springs for several days, will return with the family.

#### DID NOT LIKE BUSINESS.

Mr. Irwin did not like merchandising, but stayed in it to please his father. He preferred to lead a public life, in which he would no doubt have proven highly successful. He gave this up, however, and went into the store to please his father, this showing another phase of the man's character, a parental love which made him give up his own desires.

Fifteen or twenty years ago he could have had the nomination for congressman from this district, the republican party offering it to him, but he refused. He would have been elected, yet he declined to allow his name to be considered.

Here was another case where he overthrew ambitions and desires because of his filial affection, for his father objected to his accepting the nomination.

Though he had this aversion to business, he went into it with the same determination and thoroughness which marked all of his actions, and he was one of the best business men of the west.

One of his pleasures was baseball. He enjoyed a game of the national sport and was always liberal in helping to maintain a club. He was a heavy stockholder in the league teams for the past two seasons and in previous years always helped back the clubs.

#### LOVER OF BOOKS.

Mr. Irwin was a lover of reading and had an especial fondness for history, which he remembered. No historical

incident was forgotten by him, and he could answer all questions regarding the history of the world.

It is told of him that while in London, being shown the various historical buildings, he recognized them before the guide would tell him which ones they were, having remembered from reading about them just what they were like.

His library was a fine one, containing many rare and selected books of all kinds—history, poetry, biography, fiction, etc. In these books he had gathered much of his knowledge, for he has a perfect memory, in which was stored much information.

He was a diplomat and knew how to handle men. His easy manners, soft voice and telling logic had made many men change their minds. Whether orating from the platform to a public gathering or arguing quietly to one man, he had a way of awaying his audience and bringing it around to his way of thinking or seeing matters as they had not viewed them before.

#### NOW AT REST.

And now death has come to this man whose busy life was one of progress all along the line of the path he trod. The boy possessed a great mind which strengthened and broadened as he grew to man's years. He treasured those things in his mind which he should have treasured and hung aside the others, leaving a clear and steady brain, able to cope with the greatest of problems.

Seldom does a man of such qualities as he had, together with the honors which he had won, pass through life without some stain upon his character or some fault about him. Yet Mr. Irwin, a truly great man, was as faultless as any.

Ambition did not dull his sense of right, honor did not turn his head, position did not make him arrogant. He was the same kind friend after receiving an honor as he was before he got it. He achieved greatness and was deserving of what he achieved.

Keokuk's grief as a municipality has been expressed to the family through a letter written this morning by Mayor James Cameron, who sent the same as soon as he heard the sad news, expressing to the bereaved family the sympathy of the city through its mayor.

So, "weary of his burden, John laid it down and is at rest. He passed away quietly and peacefully at 5 this morning."



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DAILY CONSTITUTIONAL-DEMOCRAT 12-22-1905

## MINISTER IRWIN TO VISIT KEOKUK

It has been learned that Hon. John N. Irwin, who is envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Portugal at its capital Lisbon, expects to return to Keokuk on a visit during the latter part of June or the first of July. It is understood that the minister will be accompanied by Mrs. Irwin. Mr. Irwin has made a capable representative of the American government at the court of an ancient monarchy. His numerous friends in and about Keokuk will be glad to welcome him upon his visit home after an absence of a number of months.

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MILTON IRWIN

**FOUNDER OF  
BOWEN PAPER  
IS SUMMONED**

AUGUSTA, Ill., Oct. 16.—Many comrades learn with sorrow of the death of Milton Irwin, in Kansas City. He served in the Second Ohio cavalry during the civil war, and many years ago established the Bowen Chronicle and made it a success, then sold it and went west. He was a loyal and active Grand Army member.

DGC 10-16-1922

## Ray G. Iseminger

April 17, 1908-April 16, 1994

FERRIS, Ill. — Ray G. Iseminger, 86, of Ferris, Ill., died at 4:45 a.m. Saturday, April 16, in the Hancock County Nursing Home in Carthage, Ill.

He was born April 17, 1908, in Ava, Mo., to George and Margaret Spink Iseminger.

He married Eula Dee Bell on Nov. 26, 1935, in Nauvoo, Ill. She survives.

Other survivors include: a daughter, Pamala Herdklotz of Rockford, Ill.; two grandchildren; a brother, Howard Iseminger of Quincy, Ill.; and a sister, Myrtle Wirth of National City, Calif.

He was preceded in death by three sisters.

Mr. Iseminger had lived in the Ferris area at various times during his adult life and since retiring in 1965. He had managed grain elevators in Illinois, including Triumph and Hillsdale. He had served in the United States Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

Services were scheduled for today at the DeJong-Neiser Funeral Home in Carthage, with the Rev. Clark Racca officiating. Burial was in the Thornber Cemetery in Powellton, Ill.

DeJong-Neiser Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DGC 4-18-1994

## William E. Isenmann

May 26, 1926 – Dec. 7, 1998

William E. Isenmann, 72, of 1816 Fairlane St., Keokuk, died at 8:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at his home.

He was born on May 26, 1926, in St. Louis, Mo., the son of William and Lena Walz Isenmann. He married Rita C. Egan on June 25, 1949, in St. Catherine Catholic Church, St. Louis County, Mo. She survives in Keokuk.



Additional survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. Scott "Lynn" Frazer of Davenport, Iowa; four sons, William E. Isenmann of San Diego, Steven M. Isenmann and his wife, Nancy, of Keokuk, Timothy J. Isenmann and his wife, Ann, of Bartlett, Ill., and Daniel L. Isenmann of Davenport; three granddaughters, Mrs. James "Andrea" Johnson of Norfolk, Va., Libby R. Isenmann of Pekin, Ill., and Alyssa M. Isenmann of Keokuk; a brother, Robert L. Isenmann of St. Louis County, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Raymon, and a grandson, Derek D. Isenmann.

He had been a Keokuk resident since 1962.

Mr. Isenmann was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army.

He was employed by Union Electric for 33 years, and served as supervisor of distribution and service.

Mr. Isenmann was a Paul Harris Fellow and past president of Keokuk Rotary Club, lifetime member of American Red Cross, past president of Keokuk Kiwanis, active member of Junior Achievement Group in St. Louis and Keokuk, and active in Boy Scouts in St. Louis.

He was a member of Habitat for Humanity and S.C.O.R.E., and received the Spirit of Keokuk Award in 1994.

Mr. Isenmann was an amateur radio operator for 50 years, with the call letters, WOJTC. He was a member of MENSA, an avid fisherman, a reader, enjoyed Dixieland jazz, wood working and ship building.

He was a devoted family man.

Mr. Isenmann was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk.

Memorial mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk, with the Rev. Michael Spiekermeier officiating.

Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

There is no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, a special Bill Isenmann Memorial has been established by the family.

Greaves Mortuary in Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

OGC 12.9.1998

## Harold E. Iutzi

March 22, 1919 - Jan. 20, 2005

HAMILTON, Ill. - Harold E. Iutzi, 86, a longtime Hamilton area farmer, died at 10:16 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, in the Hancock County Nursing Home, Carthage, Ill.

He was born in rural Stanford, Ill., on March 22, 1919, the son of Robert N. and Lena Henderson Iutzi. He was the youngest of four children.

On Jan. 23, 1945, in the chapel of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, N.Y., he was married to his college sweetheart Ruth Stevenson. She survives.

He went to Mosquito Grove Grade School, Stanford High School and was a 1942 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Commerce. He entered the United States Army in May 1942. He was sent to the South Pacific with the 25th Evacuation Hospital, stationed at Espiritu Island in New Hebrides. Two years later, he attended Officer Candidate School at Lake Pontchartrain, La., after which he was assigned to the New York Port of Embarkation. On March 23, 1946, he was discharged from the army. He had worked as a salesman for the Meyer Manufacturing Company in Morton, Ill.

He and his wife purchased a farm next to the farm where Ruth grew up and moved to Hancock County, Ill., and began farming. They raised crops, hogs, cows, calves in addition to their four children.

He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed history and studying maps. He was meticulous as a bookkeeper and in habits like keeping tools, machinery and quietly keeping kitchen cabinet doors shut. He enjoyed traveling and visiting a former exchange student in Finland, and attending his daughter Amy's wedding in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Additional survivors include: two daughters, Dana Laura Mosena-Hassinen and her husband, John, of Beloit, Wis. and Amanda Jane Iutzi of Juneau, Alaska; two sons, Wardrick Steven Iutzi of Des Moines, and Roderick Valentine Iutzi and his wife, Cindy, of Hamilton; six grandchildren, Frederick and Russell Iutzi, Elizabeth Mosena-Jorgensen, Jennifer Mosena-Blackwell, Cassie Iutzi-Mitchell and Laura Dena Iutzi-Mitchell; three great grandchildren, Daniel Dakota Rupe, Jordan Jorgensen and Samantha Elizabeth Blackwell.

He was preceded in death a brother, Paul Iutzi; and two sisters, Margaret Schneider and Mildred Paine.

He, his sister Mildred and his mother's sister all developed Alzheimers disease. Harold's sister Millie donated her brain to science as is being done with Harold's brain.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Carthage, with the William Pyatt officiating.

Cremation rites will follow, and burial of the ashes will be at a later date.

Friends may call at the Lamporte Funeral Home in Carthage after 2 p.m. Friday, with the family meeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Alzheimer's research or the First United Methodist Church of Carthage.

Lamporte Funeral Home of Carthage is in charge of the arrangements.

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