

John Parham, Sr., 91

March 10, 1923 - Nov. 21, 2014

ANAMOSA — John William Parham was born March 10, 1923 in Union Star, MO. He was the son of Otis and May Pointer, Parham. John graduated from high school and continued his education at Northwest Missouri State before enlisting in the United States Navy during WWII. John fought in the European Theater and was part of the D. Day Landing.

John married Anna Shaver on May 3, 1947 in Cameron, MO. John taught Vocational Agriculture in Shelby until 1955 when he took a job with the R.E.C. The couple moved to Anamosa where John was the customer service agent at the R.E.C. By the time he retired in 1987 he was the manager of the Maquoketa Valley REC in Anamosa.

John married Verna Schmidt in May of 2006 at the Little Brown Church, Nashua. John was active in the community. He was a member of the Anamosa Rotary Club for 33 years. He served on the board at Camp Courageous of Iowa was a volunteer with hospice and the Grant Wood Art Festival, and participated as a grower entrant in the Pumpkin Festival in the early years. John was honored as an Honor Flight Participant. He will be missed by his family and was a great man. John W. Parham Sr. died Friday, November 21, 2014 at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids following a brief illness at the age of 91.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Anna, in 2004; and his daughter, LuAnn. Surviving is his wife, Verna; two sons, John Jr. (Jill) of Anamosa and Mark (Deborah) of Sun Rise, FL; his grandson, Zachary (Bree); and two great-grandchildren, Kaiden and Kinlee; three step-grandchildren, Christopher, Richard and Genette and several step-great-grandchildren; Verna's children, Mike (Kathy) Schmidt of Springville, and Deb (Ken) Sickels of Iowa City; and many grand and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of John's life was held at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Anamosa with military honors accorded as part of the service. Friends registered at the church after 5:00 p.m. The family greeted friends at a reception in the church fellowship hall following the services. Private family burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Anamosa.

In lieu of flowers a memorial may be made to Camp Courageous of Iowa. Thoughts memories and condolences may be left at www.goettschonline.com.



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