

Dale Pash, 88

Feb. 2, 1920 - July 25, 2008

ONAWA — Dale Pash, was born Feb. 2, 1920 at Coffey, MO, the son of Harvey Raymond and Mamie Ethel (Fields) Pash. He moved with his family to Harlan. He spent some time in Colorado and California before enlisting in the United States Navy Nov. 11, 1941. He was assigned to the USS Colorado BB45 and served as gun captain on a 16 inch gun (the ship's largest gun). Dale was very proud to have served on the Colorado. She was the most decorated and had more "well dones" by the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II than any battleship in the South Pacific. Dale was awarded 10 battle stars in the South Pacific and chose to stay with the Colorado rather than having a higher rank and being assigned another ship. He was honorably discharged October 23, 1945, but stayed in contact with his fellow sailors through his membership with the USS Colorado Alumni Association. After his discharge, Dale returned to Harlan and was a body repairman for Orv Rocker Ford.



February 14, 1949 Dale and Mary Phyllis Bendon were united in marriage in Lancaster, CA. In 1954 the couple moved to Onawa and bought a radiator shop which they operated as Pash Radiator Repair until 1965 when they expanded to Pash Radiator Sales and covered five states in the midwest area with sales and supplies to 500 - 600 customers. Dale was still very active in the business and was highly respected and known as "The Boss" until his death. Phyllis died May 17, 1999. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and American Legion David McNeill Post #129 and a former member of the Order of Fraternal Eagles. He enjoyed caring for his lawn and watching Lawrence Welk on Saturday nights. He died Friday, July 25, 2008 at Burgess Health Center in Onawa.

In addition to his wife, Dale was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Stacy, Ora, Truman, Nelson, and Donald Pash; sisters, Hazel Schroeder, Edna Rhea Pash, Lillian Jenson, Doris McCarty, Dorothy Mallhot, Leta Evans and Jessa Jensen. Survivors include a son, Dale "Bud" Pash and his fiancé, Cindy Hammer, of Onawa; a daughter and her husband, Lisa and Charlie Meadows of Onawa; three grandchildren, Heidi (Andy) Gage of Whiting, IA, Carissa Meadows of Fremont, NE and Bridget Meadows of Onawa; two step grandchildren, Angela and Miranda Hammer of Onawa; four great grandsons, Jordan, Gavin and Jonathon Gage and Blake Albert, a brother and his wife, Olin and Crystal Pash of Harlan; a sister, Lefa Somerville of Texas; many nieces and nephews and a special family friend, Twinkle Crosgrove of Turin.

A funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at St. Johns' Catholic Church with Father O'Kane celebrant. Burial was in the Onawa Cemetery with military honors conducted by American Legion David McNeill Post 129 and U.S. Navy. Visitation was 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday with a script prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at Rush Family Care Service at Onawa.