

DeVee "Bill" Donohoe, 83

Sept. 20, 1916 – May 19, 2000

WALNUT – DeVee R. "Bill" Donohoe was born Sept. 20, 1916, at Anita, son of DeVee and Bertha Worthing Donohoe, Sr., and was one of three children in the family. He started to school in Anita, and as a child, his family moved to Walnut, where he graduated from Walnut High School in 1934. He entered the Coast Guard and served during World War II from Sept. 4, 1941 until Nov. 11, 1946.

He married Patricia Dean Oct. 29, 1950, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They were the parents of five children, Darcie, Terry, Billy, Patty and Tammy. They made their home in Walnut, where Bill worked as custodian of the Walnut School for 26 years before retiring. He was a member of the Walnut Fire Department for many years, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the VFW, AmVets and American Legion Post. Due to failing health, he became a resident of the Atlantic Care Center in August of 1997, where he lived for a year. He then moved to the Exira Care Center and was there for one year before becoming a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, in June of 1999. He died at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown, May 19, 2000, at age 83 years, seven months and 30 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Olga; and a brother, Elmond. Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia of Atlantic; his children, Darcie Snyder of Tampa, FL; Terry Donohoe (Sandy) of Norwalk; Billy Donohoe of Avoca; Patty (Daniel) O'Neill of Minden and Tammy (Joel) Glenn of Atlantic; nine grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 22, 2000, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Rev. Guy Fisher officiating. Military graveside rites were by the Walnut AmVet and American Legion. Casket bearers were Brett Petersen, Larry Shepherd, Darreil Bauerkemper, Donald Abel, Steve Sievers and Fred Miller. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.