



L.J. "Joe" Lauterbach, 75

May 7, 1921 - March 31, 1996

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"Joe" Lauterbach was born in Redwood Falls, MN May 7, 1921, the youngest of five children. His dad and uncle ran a soda fountain/confectionery shop on Main Street in Redwood Falls. He graduated from Redwood Falls High School in June of 1940. He went to the University of Minnesota and played fullback for the National Championship Golden Gophers football team coached by Bernie Bierman. Before he finished school,

he joined the Navy and served in the WW II Pacific Theater, earning the purple heart for his service on two Jima. After the war he completed his bachelor's training at the University of Minnesota receiving his degree in 1948.

He met and married Jean Ann Perrine in Minneapolis Sept. 3, 1949. In the early 1950's, he went to work as an insurance broker for the Old Northwest Agency with their central office in Minneapolis. After living in Minnesota, ND and Wisconsin, he moved his family to Harlan in the summer of 1967. All five of his children, Mark, Ann, Joe, Lisa and Sara, graduated from Harlan Community High School. Jean Ann and Joe lived in houses on Garfield Avenue and West Park Avenue and finally in a condominium on the north side of the Harlan Golf and Country Club. In 1987, shortly after his retirement, they moved back to Minneapolis. She died in 1989. He stayed in Minneapolis among his many friends and family members until he came to Iowa City March 17 of this year. "Pappa Joe", as he was known among his friends, will be remembered for his propensity to sing anything, any time, any place; for his uncompromising, seemingly inexhaustible zest of life. He served on the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1985. He died of pneumonia complications and congestive heart failure at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City March 31, 1996. He had recently moved to Iowa City from Minneapolis, MN to live with his daughter, Ann Waits, and her family.