

Dean Luxford, 94

April 30, 1920 - July 18, 2014

SHELBY — Dean Howard Luxford, the only child of Cecil Howard and Alice Joy (Hanley) Luxford, was born on April 30, 1920, in Oakland. In 1921, his family moved to Carson, and he grew up helping his parents in the grocery and general merchandise business. Dean graduated from Parsons College in Fairfield, in 1943. From 1943-1946, he was in the U.S. Navy; as a hospital corpsman, he was stationed at a hospital on an island in the South Pacific.



After his service in the Navy, Dean returned to Iowa on December 15, 1945, and six days later, at the Parsons College Chapel in Fairfield, he married Darlene Doris Fuqua, the daughter of Ernest and Anna Fuqua. Dean had met her while attending Parsons College. The newlyweds moved to Shelby, in February 1946, and Dean started an insurance business. In 1967, he also began selling real estate. He retired in 1984. Dean had recently become a resident of the Brighton Gardens Senior Living Facility in Omaha, NE. Dean was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, where he had served as an elder. He served on the Shelby School Board, Shelby City Council, volunteer fire department, volunteer ambulance crew, Shelby Medical Center Board, and Cemetery Board. He was a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge. Dean H. Luxford died on Friday, July 18, 2014, at Brighton Gardens Senior Living Facility in Omaha, NE, at the age of 94 years, 2 months, and 18 days.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 62 years, Darlene, on April 1, 2008. He is survived by his son, Bill (Diane) Luxford, and daughter, Dixie (Mac) McClelland, both of Omaha, NE; four grandchildren, Amber, Karen, Nicole, and Jessica; five great-grandchildren, Violet, Scarlett, Coral, Ty, and McKensie; a niece, Diana (Wayne) Schweitzer; and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, with Pastor Orris Drake and Bill Luxford officiating. Georgene Juhl was the organist, and Debra Rosenow, Kathy Schumacher, and Sandy Wilds served as vocalists. Casket bearers were members of the Shelby American Legion Post #240; they also provided graveside military rites. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.

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