

Howard Alexander Ramsey, 81

May 8, 1918 – Sept. 26, 1999

MANNING – Howard Alexander, son of Charles Hanford and Elizabeth Gertrude Campbell Ramsey, was born May 8, 1918, near Botna. He attended country school near his home and then graduated from Manning High School in 1935. After attending business school in Omaha, he moved to California. He lived in San Pedro and worked for the San Pedro Boat Works for many years. April 14, 1976, he suffered a debilitating stroke and could not return to work. He owned property in Oregon and Florida and spent time there following his stroke, living in Melbourne, FL for a time. As his health continued to fail, he felt the need to return to Iowa to be near his family. In the mid 1980's he moved to Manning, until April 12, 1993, when he became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. He died there Sept. 26, 1999, at age 81 years, four months and 18 days.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, William Ramsey and C. Donald Ramsey and a sister, Neva Hahn. He is survived by a sister, Doris Rutz of Manning; brother, Robert Ramsey (Charlotte) of Whittier, CA; stepbrother, Merlin Ramsey of South El Monte, CA; sister-in-law, Florence Ramsey of Manning; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 1999, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manning, with Pastor Daniel Vogel of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Steve Rutz, Bruce Rutz, Kent Rutz, Karl Rutz, Bob Ramsey, Jr., Chris Ramsey, Bill Hahn and Willie Ramsey.

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