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Merle Marion Schoenthal, age 91, of the Schaller and Lake View areas, passed away on October 14, 2009 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Merle Marion Schoenthal was born May 29, 1918 to Emil Schoenthal and Bessie Bunker Schoenthal.

He was baptized in the Christian church in Sac City, Iowa and graduated in 1940 from Sac City High School. He married Ruth Peters on March 20, 1952 at Ruth's family farm near Ulmer where they farmed for 30 years. They had two children Nadine and Merle LeRoy. Ruth passed away on April 7, 1982. Merle married Florence Edgington-King July 10, 1983.

Merle was a link trainer in World War II, stationed in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He was a witness to the first atomic bomb testing.

He ran the movie projector in the Casino Theater in Sac City when he was in high school. He also had Merle's Electric and Sound System in the 1930's. He was a volunteer fireman in the Sac City Fire Department. In 1948, Merle had a partnership with Les Zeman which was called L&M Electronics in Sac City. He was President of Ulmer Telephone Company. He farmed by Ulmer in the 1950's until 1982. He worked as security cop and parked cars at Lakewood Ballroom in Lake View from 1970's to 1985. He was Sunday School Teacher, Trustee, Elder and Sunday School Superintendent at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Carnarvon.

Then he moved to Schaller and was the town handyman. He was in the Schaller Jolley Time Popcorn commercial in the 1990's.

Merle is survived by his wife, Florence of Storm Lake; his children, Nadine (Eugene) Meeks of Ft. Washakie, WY and Merle LeRoy (Kathy Jergens) Schoenthal of Lake View, Iowa; his step-Son, Bob (Sharon) King of Des Moines, Iowa; his brother, Irvin (Dorothy) Schoenthal of Davenport, Iowa; his three grandchildren: Jedariah (Cody) Meeks of Riverton, WY, Erica (Jhonnathan Cuartas) Meeks of Casper, WY, and Shiloh (Juan) Stevens-Placentia of Ft. Washakie, WY; his two step-grandchildren, Timothy (Joan) King of Chicago, IL, and Pattie (Darryl) Dalen of Andover, MN; six great-grand children: Leona Meeks-Lindgren of Big Piney, WY; Nathen Meeks of Riverton, WY; Taj Tillman and Nuvia Cuartas of Casper, WY; Joaquin and Anexi Stevens-Plascencia of Ft. Washakie, WY; and five step-grandchildren: Nick; Stephanie and Kyle Dalen of Andover, MN; Hannah and Heather King of Chicago, IL; and many nieces and nephews.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents, Bessie and Emil Schoenthal; one brother, Donald Schoenthal; one sister, Verna Alice Schoenthal (infant); and his first wife, Ruth Peters Schoenthal.

## In Loving Memory



**Merle M. Schoenthal**

**1918 — 2009**

***Sleep by Merle Schoenthal***

**Sleep Sleep Sleep, how I love to sleep  
Into dream land creep  
Just to sleep sleep sleep**

**Sleep sleep sleep how I love to sleep  
Counting forty sheep  
In my sleep sleep sleep**

**Dream dream dream how I love to dream  
Every little moon beam  
Makes me dream dream dream**

**Work work work how I hate to work  
English history too  
Makes me oh so blue  
So let me sleep**

**Rest rest rest how I love to rest  
After all nights trip  
I'm off for school, with a ship.**

**W**e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

 **Merle's Family**

**IN MEMORY OF  
Merle M. Schoenthal**

*May 29, 1918 — October 14, 2009*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Friday, October 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.  
Schaller United Methodist Church  
Schaller, Iowa

**CLERGY**

Reverend Terry Pollard

**ORGANIST**

Carol Wendel

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”  
“How Great Thou Art”

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

Marvin Blessington, Roger Peters  
Donald Meyer, Robert Freese, Reinhold Bode

**CASKET BEARERS**

Ronny McClintic, Sean Jergens, Tim Finnegan  
Lyle Tegels, Rudy Sims, Darrell Freese

**INTERMENT**

Oakland Cemetery in Sac City, Iowa at 2:00 p.m.  
Full Military Rites by Lake View American Legion Post #133

Arrangements by

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