

IN MEMORY OF

Ralph E. Fitchett

September 30, 1923 — August 28, 2006

FUNERAL SERVICE

*Saturday, September 2, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Storm Lake, Iowa*

CLERGY

Reverend Dr. Beverlee Bell

ORGANIST

Deanna Larson

SOLOIST

Randall Ericksen

"San Antonio Rose"

"Daddy's Hands"

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

*Michael Fitchett, Benjamin Fitchett, Terry Rathbun
Odd Fellows Members*

*Frank Taylor, Rich Anderson, Dwayne Stille
Jim Young, Ed Rice, Dick Rich*

CASKETBEARERS

*Wayne Fitchett, Steven Fitchett, Austin Smith, Ed Cook
Joey Reiser, Dean Reiser, Bill Elias, Phil Lowman*

INTERMENT

*Full Military Rites by Alta V.F.W. Post 6172
Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery
Storm Lake, Iowa*

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DAD

God took the strength of a
mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
Then God combined these qualities,
There was nothing more to add,
His masterpiece was now complete,
He lovingly called it ... Dad.

- author unknown

Ralph E. Fitchett, age 82, of Storm Lake died on Monday, August 28, 2006 at his home.

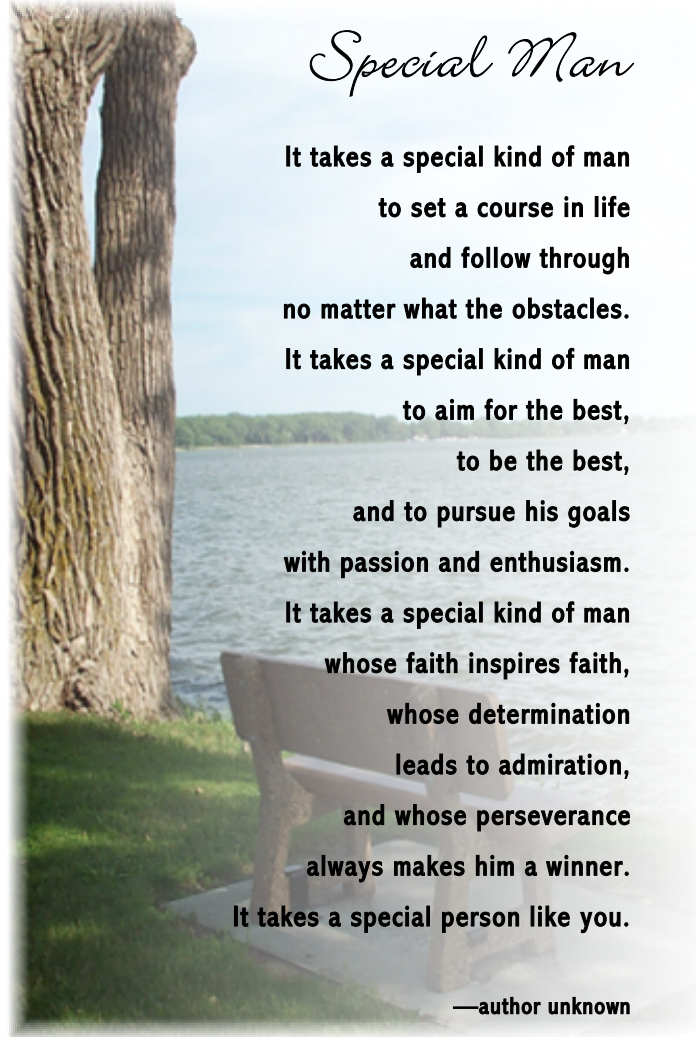
Ralph E. Fitchett was born on September 30, 1923 in Newell, Iowa to Harold and Mazie (Bengston) Fitchett. He attended grade school in Newell and Colorado. In 1941 he graduated from Newell High School. He then entered the United States Army and served his country in World War II. For his honorable service he received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

On February 15, 1948 Ralph was united in marriage to Clarice Rathbun in Storm Lake. The couple was blessed with three daughters: Becky, Ginny and Rhonda. The family made their home in Storm Lake where Ralph was employed by the U.S. Post Office, culminating his career as postmaster, until his retirement in 1986.

Ralph was an active longtime member of the United Methodist Church, as well as, the I.O.O.F. Odd Fellows. He also enjoyed playing cards and was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was a loving husband and devoted father. He loved spending time with his family and took great pleasure in (FFF) Fitchett Family Fun activities. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his three daughters: Becky Herpst of Rembrandt, Iowa, Ginny and husband Rusty Smith of Sioux Rapids, Iowa and Rhonda Fitchett of Fort Dodge, Iowa; grandchildren: Bonni Herpst and special friend Bill Christjaner, Meredith Smith and husband Ed Cook and Austin Smith; many extended family members and a host of friends.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; wife; twin brother, Raymond Fitchett and brother, Vernon Fitchett.



Special Man

**It takes a special kind of man
to set a course in life
and follow through**

**no matter what the obstacles.
It takes a special kind of man
to aim for the best,**

**to be the best,
and to pursue his goals
with passion and enthusiasm.**

**It takes a special kind of man
whose faith inspires faith,
whose determination**

**leads to admiration,
and whose perseverance
always makes him a winner.**

It takes a special person like you.

—author unknown

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness 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 committal service at the cemetery.



The Fitchett Family

Celebrating *A Special Life*



Ralph E. Fitchett

1923 – 2006

