



Bernard "Bernie" Veehoff

January 10, 1931 - January 16, 2014

Bernard H. "Bernie" Veehoff, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, January 16, 2014 at North Lake Manor in Storm Lake. Bernie was born January 10, 1931 on a farm near Ida Grove. He attended country school in the Ida Grove area; then attended St. Mary's School after his family moved to Storm Lake in 1939. He was a 1948 graduate of St. Mary's High School, and attended Buena Vista College for two years. In 1951, Bernie joined the Navy. He served as a fire control technician on board the U.S.S. Essex, an aircraft carrier, during the Korean War. He was discharged in 1955. In June of 1956, Bernie was united in marriage to Mary March at Old St. Mary's Church in San Francisco; the couple lived in Sausalito, California before moving to Storm Lake in March of 1957. After returning to Storm Lake, Bernie established a locksmith supply business known as Veehoff Supply Company. The company wholesaled key blanks, master-key sets and tools to locksmiths throughout the United States. Bernie retired in 2000, and then operated a key shop out of his home. He was known to many in northwest Iowa as "the key man." Bernie enjoyed following world news and politics, and in the 1960s was very involved in the local Democratic party. He was a car enthusiast who loved driving and trading cars. His first car was a Model A Ford, and by the time he was in his 70s, he had owned over 100 different vehicles. Bernie was also a great lover of animals. Bernie is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Veehoff of Storm Lake, and by their three children, Carolyn Wolski (Mark) of St. Paul, Minnesota, Bonny Dunn (Dennis) of

Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, and Mike Veehoff of St. Paul, Minnesota. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Gabriel Wolski, Ann Wolski, Rachael Dunn, Sam Dunn and Louie Dunn, sisters Helen Reis of Fonda and Edith Harrington of Storm Lake, brother Joe Veehoff of Springfield, Missouri, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Veehoff, and by a brother, Gerritt Veehoff.