



Marvin R. "Goldy" Goldsmith

December 30, 1915 - January 30, 2011

Marvin "Goldy" Goldsmith, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died January 30, 2011 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Marvin Richard Goldsmith was born December 30, 1915 to Lawrence and Rosanna (Gunderson) Goldsmith in Buena Vista County. He spent most of his entire life in Storm Lake, Iowa. His mother died from the 1918 flu epidemic and quickly learned the importance of hard work at a young age. In April of 1942 Marvin entered the United States Army and served his country for three and a half years during World War II as technician #4. He received two bronze stars, five over sea bars, a no time lost lapel button, a good conduct medal, and was entitled to wear a European African Campaign ribbon. Marvin was honorably discharged in November of 1945. On June 27, 1948 he was united in marriage to Florence Beyer at St. John Lutheran Church in Galva, Iowa. Marvin spent 39 years working for Kingan Company & Hygrade before retiring in 1979. Upon retirement Marvin stayed busy by delivering products for BV Stationery in Storm Lake. He was an active member at St. John Lutheran Church where he served as an usher, a trustee, and was the president of the Christian Fellowships Society. Marvin cherished the many reunions he had with the men of the 601st Ordnance Battalion. He especially liked to go dancing at the Cobblestone and listen to the music of the Big Bands with his beloved wife. Marvin also would take in the beauty of nature by driving around the lake and taking many walks through Sunset Park. Most drives around the lake would include a stop at Dairy Queen for a treat. Marvin also enjoyed traveling, and many winters were spent in St. Petersburg, Florida, and Pharr, Texas. He enjoyed the many visits from his nieces and valued all of the special times spent with family. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Florence; brother-in-law, Earl Beyer of Holstein, Iowa; nieces and nephews: Barbara Bean of Waynesville, North Carolina; Marvis (Merl) Yutzy of St. Petersburg, Florida; Carol (Keith) Olsen of Clearwater, Florida; Steven Hebron of St. Petersburg, Florida; Harald (Jeanne) Freese of Holstein, Iowa; Wayne (Karen) Freese of Worthington, Minnesota; Paul (Deby) Freese of Webster City, Iowa; Connie (Bob) Ogier of Vinton, Iowa; and Jim (Jeanette) Beyer of Independence, Iowa; extended family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Pearl Muza and LuVerne Hebron; brothers-in-law: Floyd Hebron; Robert (Betty) Beyer; sisters-in-law: Norma (Melvin) Freese; Lorraine Beyer.