



## Raymond Kurtz

September 15, 1919 - June 14, 2012

Raymond "Ray" Kurtz, age 92, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa. Raymond LaVerne William Kurtz was born September 15, 1919, in Estherville, Iowa, the son of Clarence and Esther (Rentz) Kurtz. He attended school in Estherville, graduating from Estherville High School. In 1942, Ray entered the U.S. Navy during World War II. He proudly served his country on the USS Kitty Hawk, the USS Casablanca and the USS Hogatt Bay. During his service, Ray received numerous awards and honors. He was honorably discharged in 1945. On April 20, 1946, Ray was united in marriage to Nadine Elaine Loveland. This union was blessed with three children: Gary, Katherine and Mary. Ray worked as a Trooper for the Iowa State Highway Patrol for 33 years. He served in numerous capacities and helped train new troopers. He was a member of the Storm Lake United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Ray enjoyed woodworking, reading and working in the garden. More than anything, he loved and adored his family and the time they spent together. Those who will cherish Ray's memory include his daughters: Mary (Kip) Tatman of Humboldt, Iowa; Kathy (Mark) Linda of Waterloo, Iowa; grandchildren: Sally Linda Edlund; Josie Linda Christopherson; James Linda; Joshua Beekmann; Jennifer Beekmann Foley; Alex Tatman; Rachel Kurtz; Billy Kurtz; great grandchildren: Lucia Edlund; Mae Edlund; Theo Christopherson; Astrid Christopherson; Lily Beekmann, Esmeralda Gracia, Elana Mendoza, and Aiden Kurtz; one sister, Esther Marie Ford; half sisters: Diana Foster, Louise McCullough, Sharon Godfrey, Debra

Rogne; many nieces, nephews; great nieces and great nephews; other extended family and many friends. Preceding Ray in death are his parents; wife, Nadine Kurtz; son, Gary Kurtz; four brothers: Kenneth Kurtz; Lloyd Kurtz; Clarence Kurtz Jr.; Larry Kurtz; and two sisters: Cleo Kurtz Strieffel; and Carol Hatland.