



Rodney Schenatzki

November 5, 1922 - April 10, 2011

Rodney Schenatzki, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Buena Vista Manor in Storm Lake. Rodney Dean Schenatzki, son of Marvin and Orvilla (Prather) Schenatzki was born on November 5, 1922 at Ruthven, Iowa. He attended a country school in Ayrshire, Iowa and later graduated from Truesdale High School in 1940. Rodney honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II from 1941 -1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart having been injured in service. After serving his country Rodney attended Buena Vista College and graduated with a B.S. in education. In 1949 he married Iris Burditt at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. To this union three sons were born: Garold, Dennis, and Ronald. Rodney taught math and coached in Harris, Iowa, was Junior High Principal at Madrid, Iowa, and taught math in Boone, Iowa. He retired in 1984 after a career of teaching 32 years. In addition to serving in the USMC in the Pacific Theatre, Rodney was a life member of the Disabled Veterans Alta American Legion Post #1, Spencer Life member of the ISEA, and a member of the United Methodist Church of Storm Lake. He enjoyed dancing, fishing and hunting. Those left to cherish in his memory include his sisters: Irene Mallett of Spencer, Iowa; and Verlie (Everett) Amis of Greenville, Iowa; brother, Edward (Marge) of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; several nieces and nephews; extended family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iris Schenatzki in 1987; three sons: Ronald Schenatzki in 1975; Dennis Schenatzki in 1976; and Garold Schenatzki in 2009; his parents; and two infant sisters: Cleota and Illa Mae.