



Verne Campbell

December 17, 1917 - May 11, 2014

Verne Campbell, age 96, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, May 11, 2014 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Emlin Verne Campbell was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 17, 1917.

Following high school, he worked in the CCC for a year.

On May 22, 1943 Verne was united in marriage to Mary Ruth Bennett in Schaller, Iowa. They lived in Chicago during the war, where Verne worked for Fitzsimons Publishing Company.

In 1951, Verne and Ruth moved with their first two children to Schaller, Iowa then to Storm Lake. He was employed by Hygrade foods until his retirement.

In their retirement years, they traveled extensively by car and bus tour, and visited all fifty states at least once. He was an active member of Storm Lake United Methodist Church, and sang in the choir for many years. He was a long-time member of Kiwanis, and played piano at weekly meetings.

Verne and Ruth were avid birdwatchers, and members of the Izaak Walton League. He loved tending the bird feeders in his yard and watching birds all around Storm Lake and they took many trips around the Midwest to watch

birds.

Verne had many friends and loved to play cards and games with friends and relatives. He was a music lover, and especially enjoyed Lawrence Welk and the big bands.

Verne is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Mary Ruth Campbell of Methodist Manor; four children: Mary Sue (David) Heikes of Smithville, Missouri; Jean Annette Kender of Storm Lake, Iowa; Paul Verne (Elaine) Campbell of St. Paul, Minnesota; John Bennett Campbell of Storm Lake, Iowa; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Miriam Campbell; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emlin Verne Campbell Sr. and Laura Alzina (Squires) Campbell; siblings: John Edgar, Hilda May (Havighurst), Sarah Irene (Robinette), Kathryn Adelaide (Leonard), and Alan Brent.