



Walter Blake

May 19, 1922 - September 27, 2009

Walter L. Blake, age 87, of Schaller, Iowa died Sunday, September 27, 2009 at the Horn Memorial Hospital in Ida Grove, Iowa. Walter Lewis Blake, son of Oral W. and Stella (Robison) Blake was born May 19, 1922 in Marshalltown, Iowa. He graduated in 1941 from Marshalltown High School and continued his education at Drake University receiving his Bachelor's degree along with his Master's degree. Walter served his country in the United States Army during World War II, from October 1942 to March 1946. He served with the Military Police, earning the rank of Sergeant. He belonged to the American Legion. On September 2, 1948, Walter was united in marriage to Velma Ingle at Camp Center Church of Christ near Runnells, Iowa. This couple was blessed with four daughters: Krisann Dee, Becky Jo, Margo Sue and Nancy Jane. Mr. Blake was an educator. He worked with students as a teacher, coach and administrator in many school districts throughout Iowa: Albion, Des Moines, Odebolt, Arthur, Carroll and Schaller. He also taught and coached at York Christian College in Nebraska. He was a member of many educator associations and an advocate for rural schools in Iowa. Committed to a life of Christian faith, Walter served by preaching and teaching Bible classes. He was a longtime member of the Church of Christ in Sac City, Iowa. Walter was a baseball player, avid golfer and sign painter. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Velma of Schaller, Iowa; his children: Krisann Blake of Omaha, Nebraska; Becky Stewart of Austin, Texas; Margo Blake of Lubbock, Texas; and Nancy (Chuck) Jones of Columbia, Missouri; his grandchildren, Katie and

Thomas Hogan of Columbia, Missouri; his brothers: Allen (Eunice) Blake; Donald (Judy) Blake; and Gary (Mary) Blake; extended family and friends. Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Oral and Stella Blake; his brothers, Wallace Blake and Roger Blake; and his sister, Barbara Hoffman.