

Vernon Thomas Barratt, 77

July 17, 1918 - March 27, 1996

IRWIN - Vernon, son of Bruce and Sarah Sorenson Barratt, was born July 17, 1918 at Irwin. He attended Irwin schools and graduated from Irwin High School in 1936. He served as an officer with the United States Army during World War II in Africa and Europe. He was discharged as a Captain. Vernon was the first individual drafted from Shelby County for service during the war.

During the war he married Betty Carter. Two daughters and a son were born to this union. He held various jobs, but was most proud of his service with the Iowa Conservation Commission at Ledges State Park. He retired from the Conservation Commission in the early 1980's. He then made his home in Manilla, and later in Irwin and Neola. He had been in failing health and suffered a stroke and moved to the Westmont Care Center in Logan where he died March 27, 1996 at age 77 years, eight months and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include two daughters, Jodi of Vancouver, WA and Jane of Austin, TX; one son, Brad of McAllen, TX; four grandchildren; one great granddaughter; three brothers, Marvin Barratt of Manilla; Bob Barratt (Mary) of Des Moines and Duane Barratt (Bernice) of Irwin; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Private burial services were held March 30, 1996 at the Oak Hill Cemetery near Irwin.