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Harry Bledsoe, 78

Sept. 13, 1921 – Aug. 26, 2000

AVOCA – Harry Charles Bledsoe was born Sept. 13, 1921, on Long Island, NY, son of Harry and Cecilia Mullen Bledsoe. He was one of five children in the family. He attended school in Brooklyn, NY. He served in the Merchant Marines until joining the Army and served during WWII.

He met Velma Craig in Washington, D.C., after being discharged from the Army. They were married July 23, 1945, in Avoca. He then started his own plumbing business which he operated in the Avoca and Shelby areas. She died April 27, 1974.

He married Charlotte Noller Troll Sept. 27, 1976. He continued with his plumbing business until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the VFW, the American Legion and was a Boy Scout leader for many years. He died Aug. 26, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, 11 months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, George Bledsoe; his sister, Marjorie, and his first wife, Velma. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Avoca; his daughter, Marcia (David) Lund and their children, Andy and Daniel, all of Des Moines; a stepdaughter, Becky (Ron) Parsons of Avoca and their son, Chad Parsons of Las Vegas, NM; two sisters, Dorothy (Nick) Barber of Bridgewater, NJ and Gerry (Ray) Slattery of Philadelphia, PA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 2000, at the Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Lund, Andy Lund, Daniel Lund, Chad Parsons, George Bledsoe, Jr. and Steve Combs.