

Doug Christensen, 83

Sept. 4, 1924 - June 20, 2008

ESTHERVILLE — Douglas Harmon Christensen, the son of Thomas and Martha (Rold) Christensen, was born September 4, 1924, in Harlan, IA. He passed away Friday, June 20, 2008, at Avera Holy Family Health in Estherville, IA, at the age of 83 years. He received his education in the Harlan schools, graduating from Harlan High School. After graduating from high school Doug attended Iowa State University in Ames, IA, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Calcutta, India. He remained in the United States Army Reserve and returned to military duty in the Korean Conflict. After his honorable discharge from military duty in 1951, Doug returned to Manson, IA, where he taught veteran farmers on the GI Bill.



November 29, 1951, he was united in marriage to Joann Thomas in Manson. The couple lived for a time in Spirit Lake, Waverly and Audubon, IA, before moving to Estherville in 1983, where they purchased and operated Paris Cleaners until they retired. In his leisure time Doug was an avid reader. He also enjoyed bowling, fishing, gardening and growing roses. Doug was well known as an avid story teller and as everyone knew, he was a huge Iowa State University fan and supporter. Doug was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Estherville. He was also a lifetime member of Estherville VFW Post 3388 and American Legion Post 91 in Estherville. Doug also belonged to the North Star Masonic Lodge and the Elks Lodge, both in Estherville.

Left to cherish Doug's memory are his wife, Joann of Estherville; his four children, Susan Dickman and her husband, Ira of West Des Moines, IA; Linda Siver and her husband, Tom of Milford, IA; Carol Heuton and her husband, Randy of Albert City, IA; Craig Christensen and his wife, Melanie of McAllen, TX; 6 grandchildren, Bill Maples (Stephanie Tang), Rick (Pathana) Maples, Jina (Ron) Vandervort, Nick Christensen, Cassidy (Travis) Hatland, Joel Broich; and 4 great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Jaylan, Taylor Vandervort, Addison Hatland; many more relatives; and a host of good friends.

Preceding Doug in death were an infant son, Charles; his parents and sisters, Arlene Christensen and Muriel Olsen.

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Funeral Home**

A memorial service was held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at the United Methodist Church in Estherville, with Pastor Lynn A. Potter officiating, with military rites by VFW Post 3388 and American Legion Post #91.

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