

## David Hulsebus, 90

*Dec. 8, 1912 - Feb. 24, 2003*



**DEFIANCE** – David Clarence Hulsebus was born Dec. 8, 1912, to William and Mary Beckman Hulsebus and was one of six children in the family. He attended school in Defiance and graduated from the Defiance Public High School. He lived on the family farm from the time of his birth until the time of his death. David was a member of the armed services and served three and a half years in the Army branch as an M.P., with two years foreign service, during World War II. He received a Good Conduct Medal and four Bronze Stars: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaign. In April of 1979 he received a plaque from the Society of Survivors of the Holocaust for helping free prisoners from the concentration camp in Dachau, Germany.

After he returned, he married Phylliss Teague Dec. 21, 1952, in Early. They were blessed with the birth of two children, Daryl and Marla. He was a farmer. He helped edit and get the Hulsebus Family History Book printed. In June of 1973 he received a plaque from the Iowa Department of Agriculture for living on the same farm for over 50 years. He was a member of the Defiance Methodist Church, a member of the Denison American Legion Post No. 8, and a member of the Farm Bureau. During his lifetime, he was lucky enough to have two milestones in his life - in December 2002 he celebrated his 90th birthday and his 50th wedding anniversary. He died Feb. 24, 2003, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 90 years, two months and 16 days.

His parents; his sisters, Florence and Margaret; and three brothers, Wesley, Carl and Glenn, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Phylliss of Defiance; his children, Daryl Hulsebus (Penny) of Defiance and Marla (Joe) Ahart of Denison; five grandchildren, Kelsey Ahart, David W. Hulsebus, Joshua Ahart, Tamara Baker and Cheri Baker; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Defiance, with Rev. Leon Wallace and Rev. Kristine Frank officiating. Burial was in Union Township Cemetery in Defiance. David's grandchildren, Cheri Baker, Tamara Baker, David W. Hulsebus, Joshua Ahart and Kelsey Ahart were honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tim Muller, Denny Muller, Les Outhouse, Steven Hulsebus, Hal Youngkin and Keith Ahrenholtz. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.