

Wesley Moore, 92 ✓

May 5, 1915 - May 25, 2007

SHELBY – Wesley Charles Moore, son of Charles and Maggie Purcell Moore, was born May 5, 1915 at his parents farm near Logan. In 1923, his family moved to Woodbine where he graduated from high school in May 1935. After graduation, he worked at the Woodbine Lumber Company and the Fullerton Lumber Company in Greenfield.

Wes married Lola Josephine Leonard June 28, 1942 at the Leonard family farm near Logan. Later that year, he enlisted in the Navy Seabees. He was initially stationed at Norfolk, VA and Williamsburg, VA where the Navy was building a new Seabee base, Camp Perry. He was sent to the South Pacific Theater Dec. 27, 1943 where he served with the 17th Special battalion supporting the 4th Marines on Emirau Island and the 1st Marines on Peleliu Island. He was discharged from the service Nov. 27, 1945. Shortly after the war, Wes and Lola purchased the lumberyard in Tennant where they worked together for 25 years and raised their family. He also designed and manufactured a popular farm wagon box while in Tennant.

He served as treasurer of the Tennant School Board for many years. In 1971, Wes and Lola moved to Grinnell, where they worked together at the Denniston-Partridge Lumber Company. During this time, Wes became active in the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and they were both active in the Grinnell Christian Church. In 1982, they retired and moved to Shelby. Wesley became active in the Harlan Kiwanis Club and started the Shelby Kiwanis Club. They were both active in the Shelby Presbyterian Church. Due to declining health, Wes and Lola moved to Cedar Rapids, in December 2004 where they lived at Keystone Cedars Assisted Living Community. He died May 25, 2007 at Keystone at age ninety-two years and twenty days.

Wes was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, and his wife Lola of 64 years. He is survived by two sons, Richard Moore (Rosemary) of Council Bluffs and Dale Moore (Cheryl) of Cedar Rapids; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Helen Leonard of Logan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 30, 2007 at the Shelby Presbyterian Church with Pastor John Epperson officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Luxford and Ron Eggerss with David Moore, Steven Schoenauer, Steven Moore, "Skip" Leonard, Kenneth Crandall and David Atchley casket bearers. Burial was in the Woodbine Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.