

Robert "Tuffy" Walker, 78 ✓

Jan. 28, 1924 - Jan. 24, 2003

BLENCOE – Robert "Tuffy" Walker was born Jan. 28, 1924, at the family farm near Blencoe; the son of Isaac and Ruth (Hime) Walker. He was raised in Blencoe and graduated from Blencoe High School in 1942. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps April 11, 1944, and served during WW II and served as an armored amphibian crewman in the Asiatic Pacific area Dec. 27, 1944 until June 5, 1946, where he participated in action against the enemy at Okinawa and Ryukyu Island. He received an honorable discharge June 19, 1946.

He married Vera Thogersen March 30, 1947, at Blencoe. He was a lifelong farmer. Tuffy was a member of Blencoe United Church of Christ, Monona County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2694 and American Legion Stevens Kelley Post #665, Blencoe. He pitched on the Blencoe softball team. He died Jan. 24, 2003, at Burgess Health Center in Onawa, at age 78.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Clinton; and a brother, George. Survivors include his wife, Vera of Blencoe; two daughters, Cheryl Green and her friend, Rick of Waterford, CT and Charlene Walker and her fiancé, David Deen of Onawa; four sons, Ronald and his friend, Sharon of Smith River, CA; Bradly of Blencoe; Kevin (Sandy) of Defiance; and Mark of Blencoe; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a brother, Gordon (Mabel) Walker of Onawa; and a sister, Mary (Milo) Stanislav of Little Sioux.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 2003, at the United Church of Christ in Blencoe.