

Brigadier General Ronald R. Woodin, 80

Nov. 22, 1922 - Sept. 3, 2003



HARLAN — Brigadier General Ronald Richard Woodin, the son of Carl H. and Blanche E. Cottrell Woodin, was born Nov. 22, 1922, in Pierce Township, Page County. He was baptized at Climax Methodist Church, Page County. He was a 65-year member of the Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. Brigadier General Ronald attended Goff Country School, Shenandoah and Mount Pleasant High Schools and graduated with the class of 1939. He graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture education and later Army Service Schools.

Brigadier General Ronald married Beulah Iona Hoskins March 21, 1942, in Harlan. They were the parents of two children, Dennis and Diane. He was the Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Leon and Harlan. He was inducted in the United States military in February of 1943 at Camp Dodge. His military service of 35 years includes: overseas service in WWII, the Korean War and served as Deputy Adjutant General of Iowa National Guard. He also was the founder of the Iowa Century Farm Program and was an avid family history researcher. He was an active member of the Parian Masonic Lodge 321 AF&AM, Abu Bekr Shrine, Lebanon Chapter No. 8 Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy Patron of the first Eastern Star Chapter, Frankfort, Germany, President of the Harlan Kiwanis, the National Guard Association, 34th Infantry Division Association, 94th Infantry Division Association, the Iowa Genealogy Society and the Sons of the Union Veterans. He died Sept. 3, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 80 years, nine months and 11 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two grandsons, Ronald Woodin and Randall Woodin. Survivors include his wife, Beulah "Boots" Woodin of Harlan; his children, Dennis Woodin (Carol) of Harlan and Diane Woodin of Vernon Hills, IL; three sisters, Rosemary (Rev. Lester) Moore of Ames; Jean (Darwin) Graham of Red Oak; and Ruth Ann (Glen) Dorr of Weslaco, TX; two grandchildren, James (Gabriela) Lotko of Round Lake Hts., IL; Kathleen Lotko of Gurnee, IL; three great grandsons, Blake and Bailey Woodin of Orlando, FL and Zachery Lotko of Round Lake Hts., IL; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, 2003, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Lester Moore officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Iowa National Guard, with Richard Burmeister, Glen D. Rixen, Kenneth L. Mueller, Wayne E. Arnold, Ed Swank, William Lewis, Ted Williams and Gary Allen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Richard S. Burchett, Wayne Fink, Robert Christensen, Fritz Tiarks, John Shuning and Robert Betz.

Urbandale; CWO 5 Charles and Mrs Rubey, Fairfield; Master Sgt. Christopher and Mrs Yager, Council Bluffs.

Also Captain Joe Phillips, Corning; Mrs Robert Hendershot, Indianola; Phyllis Owen Pratt, Mr and Mrs Norman Reid, Des Moines; Judith Owen Nymaster, Olathe, KS; Ella Erskin, Prairie City; Phyllis Churchill Beck, Millington, TN; Edwin Lotko, Vernon Hills, IL; Mr and Mrs Stan Johannsen, Midland, TX; Mr and Mrs Douglas Rickers, Omaha, NE; Merrill Anthony, Pleasantville, IA; and many others from the surrounding area.

Family members in Harlan for the funeral of Brigadier General Ronald Woodin on September 8 were Diane Woodin, Vernon Hills, IL; Kathleen Lotko, Gurnee, IL; James and Gabriela and Zachery Lotko, Round Lake Heights, IL; Blake and Bailey Woodin and Wes Carr, Orlando, FL; Rev. and Mrs Lester Moore, Ames; Mr and Mrs Dan Reed and Bill Reed, Missouri Valley; Mr and Mrs Richard Scott, Clinton; Mr and Mrs Darwin Graham, Mr and Mrs Tim Huntington, Red Oak; David Huntington, Mr and Mrs Milton Grimes, Omaha, NE; Jackie Porter, Matt Dorr, Des Moines; John Cox, Crescent; Mr and Mrs Quentin Gibson, Coin; Brig. Gen. Robert Betz, Mrs Virginia McGinn, Mrs Judith Bogaard, Johnston; and Arnold Wunder, Sr. and Arnold Wunder, Jr., Storm Lake.

Others from out of town included Brigadier General Mark E. Zirkelbach, DAG, Iowa National Guard, Johnston; Brig. Gen. Vincent Vanderah, Col. James McCullough, Mr and Mrs Marlow Cowan, Ankeny; Brig. Gen. Ted Friesner, Golden, MO; Col. and Mrs William Lees, Boone; Mr and Mrs Marvin F.C. Jeschke, Denison; CWO 4 Harold and Mrs Hegge,

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