

ROACH, JOHN ALVIN

Birth

September 3, 1921 in Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Death

September 5, 2014 in Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Front 1/2 of north 1/2 of lot 140



Father

John Alvin Roach

Mother

Mary Eunice Knouf

Marriage

John Alvin married Florence Irene Michael on January 25, 1943.

Census

1925 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., Iowa; State census; Line 38

Roach, John A., Jr.	28	IA	IA	IA
		Father, J. A. Roach, born in IA, age 62		
		Mother, Eldora Tilton, born in IA, age 56		
		J. A. and Eldora were married in Iowa		
Eunice	30	KS	IA	IL
		Father, W. H. Knouf, born in IA, age 71		
		Mother, Mary Collins, born in IL, age 66		
		W. H. and Mary were married in Missouri		
Thayer	06	IA	IA	KS
		Father, John A. Roach, born in IA, age 28		
		Mother, Mary Eunice Knouf, born in KS, age 30		
		J. A. and Mary Eunice were married in Iowa		
John A.	03	“	“	IA IA KS

Mary E. 02 “ “ IA IA KS

1930 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED 11; Page 4B; April 16, 1930
Dwelling 86; Family 87

Roach, John A., Jr.	33	farmer	IA	IA	IA
Eunice M.	06		KS	IA	IL
Thayer W.	11		IA	IA	KS
John A.	08		IA	IA	KS
Mary Ellen	07		IA	IA	KS
Audrey P.	03 9/12		IA	IA	KS

1940 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED61-11; Page 2A; April 6-8, 1940
#28 – own farm; value, \$1500; same house

Roach, John A.	77	farmer	IA
Eldora E.	71		IA
John A.	43	farm labor	IA
Alvin J.	18	grandson	IA
Mary E.	17	granddaughter	IA
Audrey P.	13	granddaughter	IA

WWII Draft Card Registration

Date of Registration: February 16, 1942

Registration Place: Iowa

John Alvin Roach

Age: 20

Date of birth: September 3, 1921

Place of birth: Cumming, Iowa

Residence: Cumming, Iowa

Employer: Firestone New Tread

Weight: 165

Complexion: Light

Color of eyes: Brown

Color of hair: Brown

Height: 6' 2"

Next of kin: John A. Roach

Military

John was in the Navy

Obituary

The following was taken from Ancestry:

John Alvin Roach age 93, of Carlisle, died peacefully September 5, 2014 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. John who was also called Alvin by many of his friends was born September 3, 1921 in Des Moines, Iowa to John and Eunice (Knouf) Roach. Funeral services for John will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2014 at Peterson Funeral Home in Carlisle. Visitation with John's family will be from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening prior to services. John grew up in Cumming but graduated from Valley High School, in Des Moines. John met and married Florence I. Michael January 25, 1942. John served internationally as an aircraft mechanic for 7 years in the United States Navy during and after WWII. Back in Iowa he became a diesel mechanic working for Rock Island Trucking and Briggs Motor Freight. All the while Dad and Mom were also busy farming and raising their family of 5 boys. Dad loved his big family and passed knowing his family loved him very much.

Dad also leaves behind many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, brother Thayer and 2 sisters; Mary Ellen and Audrey. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Carlisle Historical Society.

From the Memorial Folder

In Loving Memory
John Alvin Roach

Born: September 3, 1921 in Des Moines, Iowa
Died: September 5, 2014 in Des Moines, Iowa

Funeral Service
2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 2014
Peterson Funeral Home

Officiating
Pastor Glen Hanson ~ Cross Point United Methodist

Special Selections
"Proud To Be An American"
"Forever And Ever Amen"
"On The Road Again"

Pallbearers
Brian, Scott, Tim, Tom, Todd, Chris, Lee, Jack

Honorary Pallbearers
LTJG Mark Roach United States Navy

Interment With Military Rites
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orilla, Iowa

Verse

When all of life on earth is o'er,
Time for you will be no more.
When you've walked your final mile,
You won't worry anymore about style.
You won't worry how you're dressed,
Or even if your hair is messed.
You'll be focused on, movin on,
Leaving earth, going home.