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There will be no funeral service since the deceased has donated his body to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A military memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor. The Rev. Reva K. Rimmer, pastor of the New Covenant Parish, was the officiant.

Melvin, the son of Bertha (Ocheltree) and Harry Melvin Price, was born March 17, 1918, on the family farm west of Victor where he lived all his life. He attended country schools, and he graduated from Victor High School in 1935.

On March 22, 1945, Melvin married Ruth Robey, at the Brooklyn Methodist Church. The couple operated the family farm, primarily selling hogs. For many years, he and his father owned a corn-shelling business. Melvin won a county conservation award in 1964.

Melvin enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1941. He served in World War II in Italy and North Africa. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Melvin was a member of the HLV school board, the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau, the Victor American Legion, the Victor United Methodist Church, the Iowa County Historical Society and the Good Sams Camping Club. His hobbies included working with stained glass, operating radio-controlled model airplanes, and working on old John Deere tractors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Eleanor; and an infant sister.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Victor; a sister, Emily, of Centralia, Wash.; a daughter and a son-in-law, Colleen and Eric Van Zee of Holiday Lake, Brooklyn; a grandson, Adam Nowotny, of Holiday Lake, Brooklyn; and several nieces and nephews.

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Church. The couple farmed, primarily raising hogs. For many years, he and his father also owned a corn shelling business which took them to farms for miles around. He was described as a lover of the land an avid conservationist. He won a county conservation award in 1964.

He also served on the HLV School Board and was a member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau, the Victor American Legion, the Victor United Methodist Church, the Iowa County Historical Society and the Good Sams Camping Club. During his retirement, he enjoyed working with stained glass, operating radio-controlled model airplanes and working on old John Deere tractors.

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