Robert L. Stewart

He was born May 12, 1926, in Gilman, the son of George E. and Emily Green Stewart. He was a 1943 graduate of Gilman High School and was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II.

On Dec. 4, 1946, he was united in marriage with Marjorie Dannen in Marshalltown. They resided in Port Angeles, Wash., for nine years while he was employed with Crown-Zellerbach Paper Mill. They returned to Gilman in 1963 where he became owner and operator of Bob's Tavern, retiring in 1988. He was an active member of the Gilman American Legion Post.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie of Gilman; three daughters, Paula Weaver of Gilman, Janine Muckler of Marshalltown and Lee Ann Stewart of Gilman; one sister Alberta Coleman of Melbourne; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and 11 brothers and sisters; Florence, Emory, Bina, Kenny, Louise, Jessie, Doris, Harry, George, Chuck and Herb.

Robert L. Stewart, 83, of Gilman died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

A graveside service and burial with military rites will be held Saturday, March 6, at 10 a.m. at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman with the Rev. Jeff Blackman, pastor of Gilman Community United Church of Christ, officiating. Honorary bearers will be Dennis Weaver, Kim Muckler, Paul Ainley, Jackie Collum, Todd Weaver, Adam Muckler and Beth Muckler.

Visitation will take place Friday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Robert L. Stewart Memorial Fund.