

Leonard Vernon Zigler, 87

Leonard Vernon Zigler, 87, of Brooklyn and formerly of Tama, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2010, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. A funeral service was held on Monday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m., at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with Pastor Brian Oliver officiating. Interment was at Koszta Cemetery in rural Marengo.

Leonard was born on June 12, 1923, in rural Tama County, the son of Alva and Lela (Fowler) Zigler.

He graduated from Redding High School in 1942.

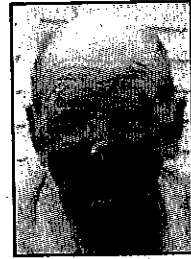
He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II from Jan. 10, 1944, until his discharge in 1946. He was awarded the Bronze Battle Star and recommended for a Silver Star for action in combat in Italy. He attended college in Iowa City after his discharge from the Army.

On Aug. 24, 1946, he married Betty L. Brott in Troy, Kan. He was a crane operator for the Tie Plant in Tama until its closure. He was an owner/operator of Zigler's Nursing Home in Tama and also worked for Gethman Construction where he did cement work. He later worked as a mechanic for the Ford garage in Toledo. Leonard enjoyed genealogy, antiques, and liked to collect old violins and cars and also restored them. He liked to listen to blue grass music and attend concerts. In his younger days, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Betty on Aug. 26, 2006; a grandson, Shawn Zigler; one sister, Donna Gitautis; and a son-in-law, Laverne Arp.

Survivors include his children, Coleen (Ron) Nekola of Jesup, Vernon (Diane) Zigler of Marshalltown, David (Gail) Zigler of Horseshoe Bend, Ark., and Gary (Patricia) Zigler of Tama; his grandchildren, Kim (Todd) Banes, Kris Arp, Kendall (Sheryl) Arp, Andrea (Jeff) Coen, Angel Blackburn, Kelli (Jay) Swick, Levi (Laura) Zigler, Kami (Jeremy) Anderson, Shannon Dobbs, Shain Zigler, Sharissa Zigler and Shace Zigler; 26 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Jean Kriegel of Tama.

A memorial fund has been established.



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