David Arthur Rhinehart, 91

David Arthur Rhinehart, 91, of Victor, died on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at Marengo Memorial Hospital in Marengo. A celebration of his life was held at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7, at the Victor American Legion with the Rev. Jim Davis, pastor of the Victor United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment with military honors was at the Hartwick Cemetery in Hartwick.

Memorials may be designated to the David A. Rhinehart Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 436, Victor, Iowa 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

David Arthur Rhinehart was born on Feb. 5, 1920, near Tiffin. His parents were Lester and Adelaide (Edwards) Rhinehart. He graduated from Victor High School in 1938. Following his education, he managed a portable movie business for a short time.

He was united in marriage to Gayle Benton on March 5, 1940 in Lancaster, Mo. He worked with his dad at a trucking business hauling lime and rock for several years.

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After the war, David returned home and worked with the family business, Rhinehart's of Victor, doing erosion control work for the Iowa Department of Transportation. He continued with this business for the rest of his working years.

David was a lifelong member of the Victor American Legion Post #54, serving as past Commander and Chaplain. He also served as a Victor volunteer fireman.

David will be missed by his 11 children, Steven, Russell, Robert, Janet, Jack, Craig, Gary, Judy, Joyce, Jo Ann and Kathy; 23 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; six daughter-in-laws; three son-in-laws; his sister, Elaine Roberts; his brother, Carl (Lois) Rhinehart; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Gayle Rhinehart; a son-in-law, Ed Moreland; two brothers, Clair and Donald Rhinehart; and his parents. Oct. 13, 2011.
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David and Gayle really enjoyed traveling in the later years following his retirement. These trips included North Dakota, Seattle, the Pacific Ocean, Salt Lake City, Gettysburg, Yellowstone, N.J., Niagara Falls, Cali., Tex. and Florida.

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