William "Bill" Arthur, 90

William "Bill" Arthur, 90, of rural Searsboro, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 at the Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be held in the Stewart Cemetery near Taintor.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Stewart Cemetery. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblenunarhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William Thomas Arthur, son of Lewis Chester and Emma Mae (Myers) Arthur, was born Oct. 18, 1921, in rural Searsboro. He was a 1938 graduate of Searsboro High School. He farmed until he was drafted by the United States Navy in 1941. On May 1, 1945, Bill was united in marriage to Lola Jean Piersel in Miami, Fla., where he was stationed. After he was honorably discharged in 1945, Bill returned to the family farm, where he continued to farm. Bill enjoyed fishing, playing cards and taking care of his orchard. In his later years, he enjoyed gardening.

His memory is honored by his wife, Lola Arthur of Searsboro; his two sons, William Arthur Jr. of Pleasant Hill and Dennis Arthur of Searsboro; three grandchildren, James Arthur, Nathan Arthur and Andrew Arthur; six great-grandchildren, Kei, Ash, Alayna, Katelynn, Corwin and Jordan; and one sister, Alberta Davis of Searsboro.

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