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Charles C. McAtee



Charles C. McAtee, 87, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Pallbearers are his grandsons Charlie Criswell, Alan Wickwire, Seth McAtee, Scott McAtee and Tyler Graham. Honorary pallbearers are Tim McAtee Jr., Jake Wickwire, Jared Wickwire, Caleb Criswell, Ryan Criswell, Dylan McAtee, Cavin McAtee, Miles McAtee and Sam Strobel. Interment with military rites will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held prior to his service from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be designated to the Grinnell Hospice or the Grinnell Elks Club and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Charles was born the son of Glenn and Maggie Marker McAtee on May 3, 1925, in Redfield, Iowa. He was raised in Adel, and graduated from Adel High School with the class of 1942.

He honorably served his country in the United States Navy from Dec. 26, 1943, until May 18, 1946, during World War II. He was stationed on a PC-1132 (Submarine Chaser Sweepers) ship in the Philippines in the Pacific Theater.

On April 21, 1946, he was united in marriage with Twylamae Ruth Wiley at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. Chuck worked for the Meadow Gold Company for several years and the couple lived in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Moline, Ill. He had also

worked for McAtee Tire in Jefferson, Iowa, and for Budweiser and Criswell Enterprises in Grinnell.

Chuck was devoted to his family, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed watching football and baseball, and his favorite teams were the Minnesota Vikings and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 66 years, Twylamae McAtee of Grinnell; his children Dennis "Mike" McAtee of Mesa, Ariz., Tim McAtee of Rochester, Minn., and Pat Criswell of Grinnell; nine grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and his brother Dean McAtee of Jefferson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Richard, Vern and Larry McAtee; and his sisters Hazel Waters and Barb Parkins.