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**KENNETH FORD
MCFARLAN**

Kenneth Ford McFarlan, 92, of What Cheer, died Dec. 18, at Manor House in Sigourney.

Service was Dec. 22, at What Cheer United Methodist Church, with Pastor Vince Homan officiating. Burial was in McFarlan Cemetery at What Cheer.

Ford was born Oct. 8, 1920, on a farm north of Thornburg, to Thomas Frederick and Bessie Mildred (White) McFarlan. He started school in the fall of 1926 in Thornburg, transferred to Springdale Country School in 1930 and was graduated from Gibson High School in 1938. Ford served in the US Army from November 1942 until October 1945, where he trained in Camp Polk, La., was a member of the Co. B 56th Engineer Battalion, 11th Armored Division.

He served in the European Theater from October 1944 until October 1945. Ford received the Bronze Star in May 1945.

On March 22, 1943, he married Juanita Howard in Leesville, La. The couple lived most of their married lives in the What Cheer area. His working years were spent at the What Cheer Clay Products Company, Alfred J. Whyte Furniture and Funeral Home and Robinson Ford Motor Company. He was appointed What Cheer Postmaster in June 1957.

He retired from the post office in Dec. 1980, then worked part time for Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer and New Sharon, retiring in 2006.

He was a member of the What Cheer Methodist Church, served as Master of the Masonic Lodge in 1954 and was a 50-year plus member. He was a sixty-year plus member of the American Legion Post #0319 in Keswick, served two years on the Keokuk County Compensation Board as chairman, was a fifty-year plus member of the What Cheer Lions Club, served two terms on the What Cheer City Council, was very active in Boy Scouts of America, served on the What Cheer Library Board and What Cheer Housing. Survivors include his wife: Juanita; two children: Gary (Barbara) McFarlan of Altoona and Carolyn Sue (Ron) Merz of Harper; eight grandchildren, and two step-grandsons.