

2-21-2013

**FRANCIS EDWIN
(WINNIE) WHITE**

Francis Edwin (Winnie) White, 84, died Feb. 13, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Graveside services will be held at a later date with Powell Funeral Home in Des Moines.

He was born Sept. 2, 1928 near Keswick, the son of James and Frances (Baker) White. He attended Greenview country school and was graduated from Gibson High School in 1945.

Winnie was united in marriage to Beverly Miller on Dec. 22, 1952 at the Baptist Church in What Cheer. He was a member of the National Guard for 11 years earning the rank of 1st Lt.

After farming the family farm, he moved to Montezuma, where they opened a motorcycle shop and offered chainsaw sales and equipment. Most recently he bought 8N Ford tractors, restored them and sold them. Winnie enjoyed visiting with family and friends, hunting, fishing, trapping and going to flea markets where he found pocket knives and old tools.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beverly; four children:



Lonny (Sue) White of Victor
Lynn White of California
Terri White of Montezuma
and Scott White of Knoxville
five grandchildren, two step
grandchildren; seven great
grandchildren, two step great
grandchildren; a brother: Harold
White of Wisconsin. He was
preceded in death by his parents
five sisters: Lorene, Margaret,
Wilma, Louise and Vera and two
brothers: John and Junior.

Francis Edwin White, 84

Francis Edwin (Winnie) White was born Sept. 2, 1928, near Keswick, the son of James and Frances (Baker) White. He attended Greenview country school and graduated from Gibson High School in 1945. Winnie was united in marriage to Beverly Miller on Dec. 22, 1952, at the Baptist Church in What Cheer. He was a member of the National Guard for 11 years earning the rank of 1st Lieutenant. After farming, the family moved to Montezuma where they opened a motorcycle shop which also included chainsaw sales and equipment. Most recently, he bought 8N Ford tractors, restored them and sold them. Winnie enjoyed visiting with family and friends, hunting, fishing, trapping and going to flea markets where he found pocket knives and old tools. Winnie died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines at the age of 84 years.



He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beverly; four children, Lonny (Sue) White of Victor, Lynn White of California, Terri White of Montezuma and Scott White of Knoxville; five grandchildren: Nikki (Kevin) York, Chelsea (Roland Newton) White, Arieka White and Josh (Martha) White; two step grandchildren, Kevin Pidima and Dawn (Paul) Reisner; seven great grandchildren, Savannah White, Beau, Boston and Kyra York, Cory Reisner, Josma White and Devon Newton; two step great grandchildren, Hunter and Dakotah Pidima; and a brother, Harold White of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Lorene, Margaret, Wilma, Louise and Vera; and two brothers, John and Junior.

There will be no services at this time. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Sigourney are caring for Winnie and his family. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com under obituaries.

2-20-13