

DONALD GENE STERRETT

Donald Sterrett, 89 of What Cheer, died Monday, January 20, 2014. Funeral was Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial was in the Garrett Cemetery near Delta. Memorial contributions may be made to the What Cheer Opera House. Friends may offer condolences to the family at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Donald Sterrett was born July 2, 1924 in What Cheer, the son of Earl Sterrett and Hilda Koch. He attended school in What Cheer, and at age 17 Donald enlisted in the U.S. Navy. During his time in the military, he was united in marriage to Venida Maxine Walker on November 15, 1944. After his honorable discharge in 1945, the couple settled in What Cheer where they raised their family. Donald found work as a mason at the What Cheer Clay Products plant. Over his 20-year career with the company, he was responsible for building the kilns. He later worked 18 years as a custodian at Tri-County Schools. Donald was proud to be part of the Greatest Generation, and he was a lifelong member of the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, pheasant hunting, attending flea markets and traveling with his wife.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Venida; three sisters, Juanita Etter, Elsie Foster and Margaret Marrow; and a brother, Clarence Sterrett.

He is survived by a special friend, Marie Sauer of Delta; two sons, Dennis (Vernelda) Sterrett of Harper and Donnie (Lisa) Sterrett of Viroqua, Wis.; three daughters, Donna (Bill) Kimes of Lakeview, Ark., Rosalee (Dick) St. Clair of Jefferson and Rhonda VanWyk of Kellogg; two brothers, Everett (Jeanette) Sterrett of What Cheer and Bernard Sterrett of Englewood, Colo.; and a sister, Bernice (Wilbur) Langstraat of Vinton. Donald also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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