

Rene Ray Van Tomme, 88

Rene Ray Van Tomme, 88, of Montezuma, was brought home to God on February 10, 2005. He was surrounded by his loved ones and passed away peacefully.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn with burial following at Calvary Cemetery. The Rev. Brian Shepley officiated, and the musician was Marilyn Kriegel. The Nevenhoven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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Ray was born January 25, 1917, in rural Deep River. He was raised most of his life in rural Brooklyn. He married Mervin (West) on March 1, 1941 at St. Patrick's in Tama. As a young man, he worked for John Deere in Moline. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was employed by Farm Service for 17 years. Later, he had his own carpentry business until retiring in 1979. Ray loved most of the outdoors, sports, fishing, hunting and trapping.

Ray was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Mervin; a son, Dennis of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Collette of Sacramento, Calif.; six granddaughters, Kelli of Minneapolis, Minn., Heather (Jason) Burt of Linden, Rachel, Nicole (Jim) Wagner, and Tiffany, all of Cedar Rapids, and Allison (Chris) Corder of Sacramento, Calif.; three grandsons, Dennis Kramer of Kentucky and Garrett and Gunther Phetzing of Hawaii; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his father, Frank; mother, Clemance; two sisters, Laura Lacaeyse and Mary Goodrich; and a brother, Camiel.

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