Arthur DeBoeuf passes away at 100

Arthur DeBoeuf, 100, of New Sharon passed away Friday morning, July 10, 2015 at his home in New Sharon. Funeral services were held Monday, July 13, 2015 at the New Sharon First Christian Church. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Leighton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mahaska Health Partnership Hospice Serenity House, Oskaloosa Christian School or The Legacy Home. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur William DeBoeuf, son of John and Gertie (Brandhorst) DeBoeuf, was born April 14, 1915 in rural Oskaloosa. He attended grade school in Mahaska County. At the age of 14 when his father went into real estate, he assumed the operations of the family farm. In 1940, he married Jeanetta Rozenboom and they resided on a farm southeast of Lacey. Arthur continued to farm for 38 years. He and Jeanetta became the parents of 12 children, John, Clarence, Harold, Duane, Lucille, La Verne, Arvin, Rose, Phil and three premature children, Lily, Darrell and Carol. In 1964, Jeanetta passed away leaving behind Arthur and the nine children. In 1965, he married Velma Kooistra, a missionary to Africa and South America. Together they continued to raise the family. In 1979 when all the children were grown and married, they retired from the farm and moved to New Sharon. From there, they went into a helps ministry which took them to several states and foreign countries including Texas, New York, Alaska, the Northwest Territories of Canada, Mexico, El Salvador and Guatemala. They also distributed Bibles in China. In more recent years, they continued to minister locally.

Arthur is survived by his nine children and spouses, John and Pat DeBoeuf, Clarence and Marion DeBoeuf, Harold and Betty DeBoeuf, Duane and Linda DeBoeuf, Lucille and Chuck Richardson, La Verne and Carol Sue DeBoeuf, Arvin and Crystal DeBoeuf, Rose and Dave Bennett and Phil DeBoeuf. He is also survived by his 34 grandchildren and 101 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his two wives, Jeanetta and Velma; his three premature children, Lily, Darrell and Carol; a brother, William; and a sister, Marie Veldhuizen.