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STANLEY E. KOVAR

Stanley E. Kovar, 91, of Victor, passed away at Rose Haven Care Center in Marengo on Friday, September 11, 2015.



A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at the Smith Funeral Home. Interment was in Victor Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be directed the Victor Volunteer Fire Department or Victor American Legion and

sent in care to the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347.

Stanley E. Kovar, 91, of Victor, was born September 4, 1924, west of Blairstown. He was the fourth son of Philip & Anna Cherveney Kovar. He attended a one room school house and graduated from the eighth grade at age 13.

In 1943, he was drafted from Benton County into the United States Army and was stationed in Wales. On June 6, he boarded the landing craft for his role in the D-Day invasion of France on the beaches of Normandy. Stanley survived the attack and then become a 1st Scout in the 9th infantry. He endured missions throughout St Lo, Liege, Brussels, and Germany. He has told of his survival stories to many listeners over the years. During his time in the service, he was wounded in battle and was awarded the honored Purple Heart. Stanley remained in active duty for six months after the war (so family men could return home first) and worked as a cook in Cherbourg, France.

Stanley returned home, purchased a sawmill and some timber with his brother. He married Elsie Wauters on October 30, 1947, and the couple began farming near Victor where they had two children. The family still operates this farm. Stanley and Elsie helped with Victor dances and called Bingo numbers for many years on Sunday nights.

Stanley was very proud to have served his country and enjoyed sharing his stories. Some were too difficult to share. Recently, he was honored as a 70 year member of the American Legion. One of his proudest accomplishments was publishing actual war stories from Iowa County's own Veterans serving during World War II and the Korean War.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Linda (Mervin) Jack of Victor; son, Lee (Lois) Kovar of Victor; his grandchildren, Sherry (Mike) Reifensahl, Neal (Cara) Jack, Sheila (Mark) Kotouc, Stan (Gaby) Kovar and Mark Kovar (Karly McKusker); and his eight great-grandchildren: Kayla and Hailey Jack, Ryan and Matt Reifensahl, Garrett, Brooke and William Kotouc, and Charlotte Kovar, his "other son", Mike Harden, and many cousins and friends.

Stanley passed away at Rose Haven Care Center in Marengo late Friday evening, September 11, 2015. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Elsie in 1989; and his brothers: Milo, Leonard, and Paul.