CARROL L. WALTERS

Carrol Walters, 88, of Des Moines and formerly of What Cheer died Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Kavanagh House in West Des Moines. Funeral services were held on Friday, September 4, 2015 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial was in the Sixteen Cemetery at Thornburg. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: HCI Care Services or West Des Moines Fire & Rescue. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcobleno FuneralHomes.com.

Carrol L. Walters, son of Arthur and Artia Herman Walters, was born on September 9, 1926 at Green Castle, Missouri. When Carrol was a junior in high school his family moved to Gibson. He began dating his high school sweetheart, Barbara Middleton, and graduated from Gibson High School. After graduation, he entered the U.S. Army in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1947. On May 15, 1948 Carrol married Barbara Middleton at the Oskaloosa Methodist Church. They made their home in Gibson and operated the Post Office and the Cottage Café. He became the Gibson Postmaster where he treated people with kindness and was a great role model. Carrol and Barbara moved to What Cheer in 1952 and was a rural mail carrier for the What Cheer Post Office. He also farmed in rural What Cheer for many years and loved everything about it, from the smell of the spring dirt to the sound of the grain dryer in the fall. Carrol was a Real Estate Broker and a member of the United Methodist Church in What Cheer. They spent their later years in Arizona and moved to West Des Moines in 2009. Carrol is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers; Iris Walters and Adam Walters.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of West Des Moines; a son, Jerry Walters of Las Vegas, Nevada; his daughter Peggy (Steve) Calvert of West Des Moines; three grandchildren Amanda (Alan) Kruse of Adel, Brooke Gracey of Portland, Oregon, Brett Walters of Las Vegas, Nevada; two great-grandchildren, Jacob Kruse and Caitlin Kruse.