

Walter Curphy



Walter Curphy, 94, of Le Grand, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. Military honors will be provided by the combined VFW/American Legion Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to the family. For condolences or questions please visit: www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234.

Walter Orland Curphy was born at home in Montour, the son of Wallie and

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Emma Shetler Curphy. He graduated from Montour High School in 1942 where he played on the basketball team that won the state championship. During World War II, Walter was a 1st Sergeant in the Army Air Forces serving as a bombardier in the 29th Bomb Group stationed in Guam.

He married Rhoda Patterson in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 10, 1944. They resided in Montour, where they owned Public Development Company, Montour Hardware, Phillips 66 Gas Station and Montour Grocery.

He was president of the South Tama Community School Board for many years. Walter was president of Tama County Livestock Association, and developed the Arrowhead Mobile Home Park in Tama. He belonged to the United Methodist Church, Shriners and the Masons. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and playing golf. "His favorite place to fish was the Bermuda Triangle."

He is survived by his brother, Clayton Curphy of Colorado; his children, Rick Curphy of Missouri, Connie Hoskins of Marshalltown, and Randy Curphy of Grinnell; 27 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rhoda; his parents; his daughter, Pam Bader; eight siblings, Dean Curphy, Dale Curphy, Bill Curphy, Luella Kittel, Evelyn Schuler, Clifford Curphy, Donald Curphy and Mike Curphy; one granddaughter; and one great grandson.