NEW SHARON - Lawrence Everett, 98, of New Sharon, passed away Friday, June 28, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Lawrence William Everett, the youngest of five children born to Fred and Mildred (Fox) Everett, was born November 2, 1920, at his parents’ farm near Lacey, Iowa. He graduated from Lacey High School in 1938. He worked on the farm until beginning a two-year agriculture program at Iowa State College in 1940.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in September 1942 and was called to active duty February 23, 1943. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieut. and served as a bombardier in B-24s. His crew received their B-24 in July at Hamilton Field in San Francisco.

They left California and flew to Oot; then, having telephoned Lawrence’s parents, they sailed their farm in low tides, and dropped a note that was later found by a neighbor. They continued to Newfoundland, Iceland, and then on to England. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force, 458th Bomber Group, 75th Wing, and then 75th Squadron, lead crew. His crew was given the Goose Cochrane Medal, the Air Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He flew two missions in October on the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo.

They returned to the States in December 1945. He was discharged from the U.S. Army on July 26, 1945, and returned to his farm in the Lacey area where he operated a printing business.

He was married to the late Beverly George in 1947 and they had two children, George and Virginia. Steve Everett died in 2006, and Virginia Everett lives in California.

Lawrence was a member of the New Sharon United Methodist Church and the New Sharon Volunteer Fire Department.

Lawrence is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Fox of California; one brother, Fred Everett of New Sharon; one sister, Mrs. Virginia Fox of California; and two nephews, Bob Everett and Mike Everett.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly; his parents, Fred and Mildred Everett; and two brothers, Bob Everett and Mildred Everett.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Densmore-Walton Funeral Home in New Sharon. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the home of the family, 212 E. Main St., New Sharon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Sharon United Methodist Church and the New Sharon Volunteer Fire Department.