Charles Hamilton, 86, Lynnville

Charles H. Hamilton, 86, of Lynnville, formerly of Mission, Texas and Barnes City, passed away Aug. 12, 2007. Funeral services will be held Aug. 17, at the Lynnville Friends Church with minister Dr. Douglas Smiley. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 16, at the Lynnville Friends Church. Burial will take place at the Barnes City Cemetery. The funeral home in charge is Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials can be given to the Lynnville Friends Church project blueprint.

Charles was born Oct. 6, 1920 in Delta, Iowa to Jesse A. and Nola (Hasty) Hamilton. He grew up in Delta and later lived in Barnes City and Texas. He returned to Lynnville in 2006. Charles married Hazel M. Brouwer on Sept. 5, 1945 in Montezuma.

Charles attended schools in Delta and Barnes City, graduating from Barnes City High School in the class of 1938.

Charles farmed in his early years of marriage and later worked at the Barnes City post office for 25 years, retiring in 1986 as the Postmaster.

Charles taught Sunday school and organized the food bank at the church they attended in Texas. He had also served on the cemetery board, as Sunday School Superintendent, elder, usher, Gideon, Boy Scout leader, Pleasant Homes President, and past Chaplain of the American Legion.

In June of 1942. Charles was inducted into the Medical Battalion of the 4th infantry division of the United States Army. He was discharged on October 5, 1945 as a staff sergeant and awarded the bronze star.

Charles enjoyed gardening, caring for his goats, wood working, and going on camping trips with his children. He was also an avid Bible reader.

Survivors include his wife:

Hazel Hamilton of Lynnville; one son: Rodney (and Linda) Hamilton of Barnes City, two Daughters: Joyce (and Dwight) Beyer of Lynnville, Sara (and Adrian) Hoover of Walford, Iowa; six Grandchildren: Bradley (and Dawn) Hamilton of Malcom, Bryan (and Ami) Hamilton of Centerville, Lisa (and Matt) Facile of Newton, Chantelle (and Bob) Beiner of Newton, Emily (and Matt) Ver Meer of Hannibal, Missouri, Mallory Beyer of Lynnville; eight great-grandchildren: Austin, Breanna, Katelyn, Nathan, Megan, Jacob, Dylann, and Derek; two Sisters: Shirley (Willard) Free of Norwalk, Doris Freeborn of Newton; one Brother: Gilbert (and Eleanor) Hamilton of Omaha, Nebraska.

He was preceded by: his parents; a son, Dennis, who was pronounced missing in action during the Vietnam War on January 5, 1968; and three sisters, Dorotha Tinsley, Helen Spin, and Anna Deecore.