

John Hoffstetter

John Hoffstetter, 83, of Searsboro died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



A funeral service will be held Friday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Job, pastor of Searsboro Friends Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Rodney Baker, Darrel Beason, Chris and David Hoffstetter, Kevin Lincoln and Jason Thompson. Honorary bearers will be Fritz and R.C. James, Jerry Wahl, Robert Hoffstetter and Victor White. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell. Visitation will be Thursday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the John Hoffstetter Memorial Fund.

The son of John and Amanda Sieble Hoffstetter, he was born May 31, 1924, in Davenport. He was raised in Bettendorf where he also received his education. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II.

He was married on Oct. 30, 1946, to Ida "Lavena" Lincoln in Marshalltown. They farmed south of Grinnell until 1971, then moved to Searsboro. He was employed at the Donaldson Company in Grinnell until his retirement in 1989.

He was a member of the Searsboro Friends Church and the Grinnell American Legion Post #53 for over 50 years. He was active in outdoors activities including hunting, fishing and trapping. He loved life on his farm and caring for his livestock.

He is survived by two sons, James Hoffstetter and Doug Hoffstetter, both of Searsboro; four sisters, Kate Haessler of LeClair, Marjorie Timmerman of Sperry and Violet Smith and Genevieve Valentine, both of Bettendorf; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 2004; two brothers, James and William Hoffstetter and one sister Leona Beiderwell.

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