

Richard Lazell (Van) VanDeventer, 93

Richard Lazell VanDeventer, 93, passed away peacefully Friday, March 27, at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City, Iowa.

According to his wishes for cremation, inurnment with military rites will be at the Jackson Memorial Cemetery at Montezuma, on Saturday, April 11, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

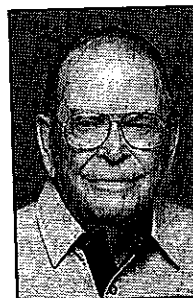
Richard Lazell (Van) was born on June 12, 1915, at Dean, to Peter and Ethel (Purdum) VanDeventer. The family moved to Montezuma, where he graduated from the Montezuma High School in 1934. He married Mildred Maxine Ramsey of Brooklyn on March 30, 1941. Richard Ramsey, David Jon, and Donna Maxine VanDeventer were born to this union. They lived in Montezuma where Van worked for the Montezuma Municipal Light Plant. Van served in the U. S. Navy on the USS Long Island during World War II from 1944-1946. The family moved to Rockford in December 1949, where Van was employed as the superintendent at the Rockford Municipal Light Plant. He retired at the age of 62. Van and Maxine moved to Mason City in 1996. His family was his pride and joy.

He was an honorary life member of the Rockford Volunteer Fire Department, a 50-year member of the Rock-Sirius Masonic Lodge #294, a lifetime member of The Walker-Grafer American Legion Post 0338, and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockford.

Those left to honor his memory are wife, Maxine; children, David (Christy) VanDeventer of Algona, and Donna (Mike) Smith of Rockford; grandchildren, Tony (Erin) Smith of Ankeny, Brandi (Curt) Jones of Rockford, Kaci VanDeventer of Mason City, and Kelli (Richard) Penton of LuVerne; great-grandsons, twins Hayden and Nicholas Smith of Ankeny; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Ethel; brothers, Ray, Clell, Lloyd, and Lavern; sisters, Florence and Ruthe VanDeventer; and son, Richard Ramsey VanDeventer.

Stories, thoughts, and condolences may be shared with the family on the Fullerton Funeral Home Web site at www.fullertonfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the family at 1117 4th Street S.E. Apt. #3, Mason City IA 50401, for future disbursement.



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