

August Raymond Claeys

August Raymond Claeys, age 80, Victor, died June 4, 2001 at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Thurs., June 7, 2001, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor. Rev. Richard Okumu and Rev. Maynard Brotherson officiated. Marilyn Kriegel was organist, and vocalists were Donna Vercande and Dennis Van Hamme. Selections included "On Eagles Wings," "How Great Thou Art," and taped music of "Waltz of the Angels." Altar servers were Ben and Stephanie Beran.

Pallbearers were Tim Steele, Chris Steele, Jamie Claeys, Todd Vittetoe, Michael Claeys, Tammy Schroeder, Joani King and Noreen Claeys. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Victor. The family received friends at the Victor American Legion following the burial.

The son of August and Irma Van Hamme Claeys, August was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Brooklyn. He received his education in rural schools near his home while living near Victor. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and served in the European Theater, where he was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was married to Dorothy Wauters Jan 2, 1945, in Brooklyn. The couple farmed for 35 years southwest of Victor and moved to Victor in 1980. He was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church, Harold E. Smith Post #54 Victor American Legion, and Victor Lions Club.

August enjoyed fishing, playing cards and Rolle Bolle, and traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; five children and their spouses, Betty Jo and John Steele of Cedar Rapids, Dennis and Jane Claeys of Victor, David and Linda Claeys of Victor, Mary and Bernie Vittetoe of Keota and Rick and Carole Claeys of Keystone; one brother, Richard Claeys of Belle Plaine; twelve grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the August Raymond Claeys Memorial Fund.

BC June 13, 2001