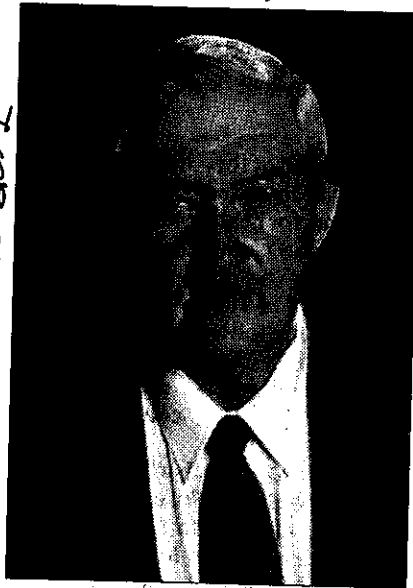


Allen Earl Cory

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Allen Earl Cory, 85, of Marshalltown, died Friday June 22, 2012, at his home. A memorial service was held Monday, June 25, at Liberty Baptist Church in Marshalltown. Memorials can be directed to the Liberty Baptist Honduras Mission Project or Iowa River Hospice.

Allen was born to Horace and Mary Ryan Cory on a farm in Tama County on Feb. 2, 1927. He attended country schools in Tama and Marshall Counties, graduating from LaMoille in 1944. After graduation Allen volunteered for the draft in the Army Signal Corps. He spent most of the time in the states during WWII but was sent to Korea at the end of the war. After his discharge, he returned home to farm. His family moved to a farm near Ferguson where he met his future wife, Lois Keese.

Allen and Lois attended Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis in 1949 - 1950 when Billy Graham was president. They married Aug. 20, 1950 at the Baptist Temple in Marshalltown. Allen farmed for several years along with working at the Marshalltown Water Works for 20 years. He also served as the custodian of the First Baptist Church for 15 years. After retiring from the water works, he worked part-time for Airport Express driving people to and from local airports. He enjoyed working for Fuji Films delivering film to be developed. Allen earned his license to drive a semi truck at age 78, and was a seasonal driver at Heartland Coop delivering fertilizer to the fields. Allen was a member of the First Baptist Church for 45 years and Liberty Baptist for the past two years.

A highlight of Allen's recent years occurred on Aug. 19, 2010, when he participated on the Freedom Flight to Washington D.C. to see the Memorial of World War II and other patriotic sites.

Allen is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lois Keese Cory; daughters, Maralee Scott of Buffalo Grove, Ill., Marlys Highland of Marshalltown, Melodie DuToit of Altoona; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his sister Viola Richardson; and several other relations.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Bill, Arnold and Donald, and sisters, Ellen Walton, Lois Walton, and Leona Potter.