

Vincent DeMeulenaere, 87

Vincent Charles DeMeulenaere, 87, of Sabula, died Aug. 8, 2008, at Mercy Care North in Clinton.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor, with the Rev. Brian Shepley officiating. Organist was Vera Beth Bricker. Pallbearers were Gary DeMeulenaere, Dan DeMeulenaere, Steve DeMeulenaere, Joseph Edelen, Eugene Edelen, Don Edelen, Neill Dunlap, Tom Kurovski and Pat Sullivan. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery with military rites by the Victor American Legion.

The son of August and Katherine Michalek DeMeulenaere, he was born at Carnforth, on Feb. 28, 1921. He was raised in the Carnforth area and attended Warren #5 Grade School and graduated from St. John's High School in Victor.

During World War II, he served with the amphibious forces of the United States Navy in the European Theatre.

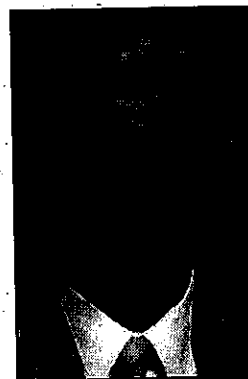
On Sept. 13, 1952, he was married to Kathryn Christine Low at All Saints Church in Cedar Rapids. The couple made their home in Cedar Rapids until her death on June 7, 1982. They were the parents of two children, Karen and Richard.

Vincent was employed with Iowa Lumber Dealers Inc. for 15 years, and then began working for Quaker Oats Company in Cedar Rapids in 1973, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of St. Peter's Church in Sabula, Sabula Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Victor American Legion, and the Sabula Izaak Walton League. Vincent was an avid Cubs fan and loved to spend time with his family and friends. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards, bird-watching, and traveling. He held a passion for documenting his family history.

Survivors include his son, Richard James DeMeulenaere and his wife, Peggy of Cedar Rapids; his daughter, Karen Ann Dunlap and her husband, Craig Dunlap of Central City; four grandchildren, Melinda-Billock and her husband, Matt of Mundelein, Ill., Kathryn Mary (Dunlap) Walsh and her husband, Shawn of Cedar Rapids, Nancy Jean Dunlap and Neill Dunlap of Central City; one great-grandson, Brady Quinn Walsh; two sisters, Sister Irene DeMeulenaere of Huntington, Ind. and Ruth DeMeulenaere of Victor; and his life-time friend, Betty (Swatosh) Marsh of Sabula, with whom he had made his home during his retirement years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, Francis and Bernard; and two sisters, Evelyn Ann Edelen and Sister Therese DeMeulenaere.



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