

Obituaries

Edward Allen Kitzman, 89



Edward Allen Kitzman, 89, died just before midnight on Aug. 28, 2008, at his home near Deep River.

His funeral service was held at the Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer Sept.

2, with the Rev. Vince Homan officiating. Burial was at Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg.

MR Edward Allen Kitzman Jr., the son of Edward and Bernice (Allen) Kitzman was born in Webster, on June 22, 1919. He attended the Pleasant Grove country school between Keswick and Sigourney. He also attended high school in both Keswick and Webster. After his mother became ill during Edward's junior year of high school he assumed the responsibility of his family's farm to allow his father to become a full-time caregiver to his wife.

Edward enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, serving in WWII. After his honorable discharge from the military he returned home and continued farming with his father.

He was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Adams on Feb. 11, 1947, at the Christian Church in Oskaloosa. Ed-

ward was a member of the Morrison-Schrader American Legion Post No. 206 of Deep River. He enjoyed the farm life, watching his corn grow and checking his cattle herd on his John Deere Gator, however, his grandchildren and great grandchildren brought true happiness to Edward's life.

Edward's memory will be honored by his two sons: Charles (Betty) Kitzman of Hayesville; Larry Kitzman of Deep River; a daughter, Lois (Carl) Kendall of Albia; brother, Vernon Kitzman of What Cheer; two sisters, Darlene Kirby of Delta, Dorothy Adams of What Cheer. Edward's seven grandchildren include: Brian Kitzman of What Cheer, Rita Kitzman of Oskaloosa, Jill (Zach) Thomas of Washington, Derek Kitzman of Hayesville, Chris (Bill) Knowles of Albia, Cyndi Kendall of Albia and Carla Kendall of Ottumwa. His seven great grandchildren are Travis, Becca, Dylan and Ashlee Knowles, Rylia and Brandon Wilson, and Caleb Kendall.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary, and a sister, Hazel Malin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the Grinnell Regional Hospice. Friends may sign the online guest book or give condolences at www.hardenfuneralhomes.com.