

Ray Thompson, 92

Ray Thompson, 92, of New Sharon, passed away Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at the Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 25, at the New Sharon United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Sharon United Methodist Church. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.



Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Ray Laverne Thompson, the son of Howard and Sylvia (Tish) Thompson, was born the youngest of four children on June 4, 1921 in Montezuma. He attended Pleasant Township Country School near Ewart. Ray was drafted by the United States Army in 1942 and served his time during WWII. He was medically honorably discharged in 1942, due to back problems. Ray was married to Irene Van Cleave in 1941. To this union, five children were born, Carolyn, Allen, Donald, John and Ron. Irene passed away in 1967. On March 27, 1968, Ray was united in marriage to Beulah Clark Stevens. To this union, one son was born, Darrin. Ray worked on government grain bins for years before farming near Montezuma. He later farmed in Barnes City and did some custom baling for many in the surrounding area. In 1972, Ray and Beulah moved to their current location in New Sharon, when he was forced to retire from farming due to a heart condition. He enjoyed dancing, traveling, working on the farm and making the coffee at Casey's for many years. He was also an avid race fan. Ray belonged to the Farm Bureau and the Blakely Stevens American Legion Post #169 in Montezuma.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Beulah Thompson of New Sharon; five children, Carolyn (Dick) Parkman of Jupiter, Fla., Allen (Ellen) Thompson of Grinnell, John (Twila) Thompson of Montezuma, Ron (Kathi) Thompson of New Sharon, and Darrin Thompson of New Sharon; a brother, Lester Thompson of Montezuma; 16 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Irene Thompson; a son, Donald Thompson; a brother, Harold Thompson; and a sister, Fern Slagle.

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