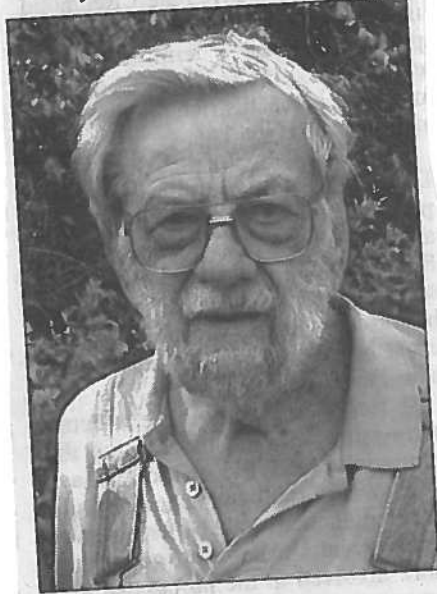


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**Dr. Lyle E. Pursell**



Dr. Lyle Eugene Pursell, 89, of Rolla, Mo., and formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, June 6, 2015.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held Wednesday, June 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Rolla. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ozark Rivers Audubon Chapter and Nature Center. All arrangements are under the direction of the Null & Son Funeral Home in Rolla. Online condolences may be offered at [www.nullandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nullandsonfuneralhome.com).

He was born in Paola, Kan., on April 23, 1926, to the late John Van Patten Pursell and Hazel Mae Foster Pursell. He attended a country, one-room school through eighth grade, followed by high school in Paola, and later received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. He taught at Ohio State University and Grinnell College before moving to Rolla in 1967, where he taught at the University of Missouri-Rolla, retiring from the mathematics department in 1988. In addition to teaching, he wrote several articles for mathematical journals.

He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. On Sept. 2, 1950 he married Charlotte Hutchinson and they had four children. Lyle was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Rolla, a member of the Kiwanis Club and co-founder of Ozark Rivers Audubon Society. He was known for his love of nature.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Charlotte Pursell; four children, John Pursell of Altoona, Iowa, David Pursell of Leawood, Kan., Rebecca Walker of Mt. Vernon, Mo., and Mary Schubert of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.