CHARLES EVERETTE SHAFRANEK



Charles Shafranek 85, of Keswick died Monday June 22, 2015 at the Sigourney Care Center. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 26. 2015 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial was in the Sorden Cemetery near Webster. In lieu flowers memorial contributions may be made to the James Murphy American

Legion Auxiliary. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Charles Everette Shafranek was born December 22, 1929 in Highland Center, the son Edward Samuel Shafranek and Helen Ruth Messerschmidt. He attended the Aurora country school north of Keswick and later graduated with the class of 1949 from the Keswick High School. Then in 1952, Charles enlisted in the U.S. Army. During his time in Korea he served as a crewman on a M114 155mm Howitzer. Charles received two Bronze Stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and a Korean Service Medal. After his honorable discharge in 1954, he returned home and joined the Shafranek Brothers Farm until his retirement in 1999. On July 18, 1981, Charles was united in marriage to Betty Jean Anderson in Millersburg. He enjoyed taking care of his garden and keeping his lawn in tip top shape. Charles was a proud member of the James Murphy American Legion Post 319 and always looked forward to coffee time with his friends at Home Town Market. Above all, Charles and his family were thankful for the care that was given to him by the VA Medical Center in Iowa City, the Sigourney Care Center and Hospice Compassus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean Shafranek; two brothers: Max and Rex Shafranek; and a sister-in-law, Ester Shafranek.

Charles is survived by a niece, Mary (Bob) Zuber of Amana; a nephew, Lyle Shafranek of Sigourney; a sister-in-law, Lil Shafranek of Webster; four cousins: Ruth (Wilford) Seaba of Sigourney, Irene (Stanley) Vogel of Sigourney, Jim Messerschmidt of Prescott, Ariz., and Sheryl Wyle of Martinsburg. He also leaves behind several great nieces and nephews.

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