

Bert Wesley Ross (Mar 8, 1927 - June 20, 2017)

Bert Ross, 90 of Deep River, died June 20, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell. Services were held June 24, at Deep River Christian Church. Burial was in the Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Deep River Volunteer Fire Department or Deep River Christian Church.

Bert Wesley Ross, the son of John Wesley and Ethel Mae (Wolford) Ross, was born March 8, 1927 in Deep River. He was a 1946 graduate of Deep River High School.

Bert was drafted with the United States Army in 1950 serving his country for two years before being honorably discharged in 1952.

On March 28, 1955, Bert was united in marriage to Mary Ward in Kirksville, MO. To this union four children were born, Ronald, Mardleen, Donald and Jason.

Bert drove truck all of his life. He started hauling livestock for the first five or six years then began hauling rock. Bert enjoyed attending the What Cheer Flea Market and camping, especially at Rathbun Lake. He was a "grease monkey" and loved working on his own trucks having his sons work with him teaching them along the way. Bert's biggest hobby was collecting antiques and of course his toy tractors.

He was a 35 year member of the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the Deep River Christian Church and the Morrison-Schrader American Legion Post No. 296 in Deep River.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ross of Deep River; his children, Ronald Ross of Deep River, Mardleen (Doug) White of Ottumwa, Donald (Sue) Ross of Deep River and Jason (Susan) Ross of Deep River; 11 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Bert was preceded in death by

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