

Charles Vernon Dunham, 89, of Deep River died at his home Friday, March 30. Services will be held Thursday, April 12 at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Charles had donated his body to the University of Iowa Hospital. In lieu of a memorial he would like donations be made to P.A.L.S. Animal Shelter, Grinnell or Steven Animal Shelter, Oskaloosa.

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Following Army duty, he purchased the Grayson County News in Leitchfield, KY, the first of 22 newspapers published by the Dunham family, often as many as five at a time. In 1958 Chuck acquired the Deep River Record, and from Deep River he continued a 50 plus years career with weekly newspapers.

In 1971 he and Shirley Richardson-Thompson were married and he became the father of a ready-made family of a wife and four little boys. In October of 1972 Chuck and Shirley became parents of another little boy Roy Christopher. They made their home in Deep River, celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary November 2, 2017.

Chuck was a political junkie, running for state senator on the Republican ticket twice. He was a member of the Deep River Methodist Church, Lions club, Republican Party and Deep River American Legion. The family loved camping in the Adirondack Mountains and spent many summer vacations there. He enjoyed classical music.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Jane Linck of New York and Robin Smith of Connecticut and brother Richard Dunham of New York.

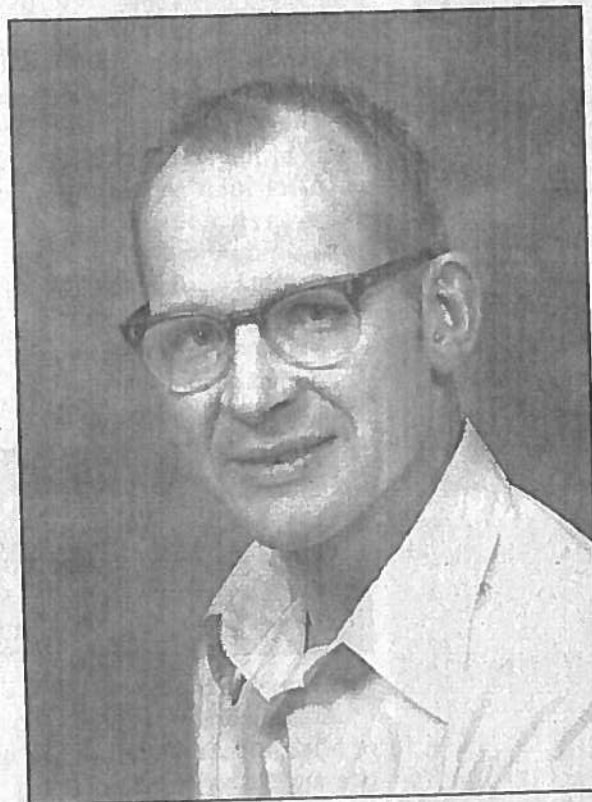
Survivors include his wife Shirley and son Roy of Deep River, sons Dave (Julie) Thompson of Davenport; Kenny (Tammy) Thompson of Concord, AR; Brian Thompson of Concord, AR, Jeff (Julie) Thompson; sister Sylvia Bouve of NH, seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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 Mar. 23, 1929 - Mar. 30, 2018

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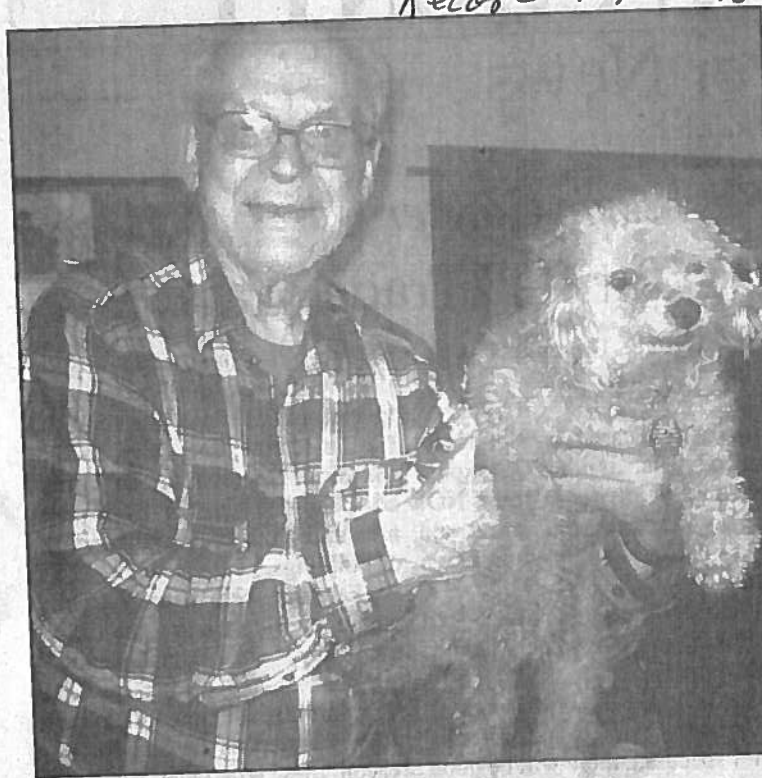
Memorial services with military honors are currently pending.

In Memoriam



CHUCK DUNHAM, Publisher/Editor of The Record
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