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Earl Beyer was born August 22, 1925, on a farm near Taintor, Iowa, to Geurt and Hattie

(VerSteegh) Beyer. He was the youngest of eight children. He attended school in Searsboro, Iowa, until he completed 10th grade. He then worked on the family farm near Searsboro until he was drafted in 1943. He served in the 31st Infantry Dixie Division in the United States Army during WWII from 1943 to 1946. During the war, they occupied the Philippines on the island of Leyte.

Earl was united in marriage to Geraldine Louise Adkins on August 22, 1947, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. They were blessed with four children: Cheryl, Gary, Sandy and Lorri. Together they farmed in the Grinnell area for all of their 71 years of marriage.

Earl was an outdoorsman who held a passion for farming the land. He was a hard worker but never passed on a chance to spend time or make a memory with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, and attending sporting events. He will be remembered for his strong and noble character, for being a man of few words, for always being there to help neighbors and family, and for the strong love of his family.

Earl is survived by his daughters, Cheryl (Michael) Bristle of Bixby, Oklahoma, Sandy (Russ) Motta of Grinnell, Iowa, and Lorri (Eric) Gettes of Clinton, Iowa; son, Gary (Karen) Beyer of Nashua, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Geraldine Beyer on October 12, 2018; his brothers, Richard, Glen, Dale, Lester, and Melvin Beyer; and his sisters, Helen Willemsen and Margaret Sparks.