

Clifford Hill

- Clifford Hill, 87, of Gilman died Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service and celebration of life was held Saturday, Oct. 21, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Interment followed at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown with a time of fellowship and refreshments following in the hospitality room at the funeral home. A Masonic service was held in the evening. A memorial fund has been established.

He was born July 8, 1919, two miles east of Gilman in Highland Township, Tama County, the son of George Ole and Audena Hagen Hill. He graduated from Gilman High School in 1938. He was united in marriage with Rue Jean Avonelle Beck of Garwin on Aug. 18, 1942, in Kirksville, Mo. They resided east of Gilman all of their married lives where they farmed for 44 years and raised their family.

He was an active member of Cyrus Lodge No. 338 AF&AM in Gilman, later joining Signet Chapter No. 38, King Solomon Council No. 20 and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30 in Marshalltown. In February of 1982, he became a member of the Scottish Rite 14th Degree and the 32nd Degree one month later. In November, 1972, he became a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Des Moines. He also was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church and the Marshall County Board of Review for 15 years after retiring from farming.

He served in the United States Army in Europe during World War II. He received a Presidential Certificate for bravery under fire, the Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the World War II victory medal and two bronze stars.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years; two daughters Beverly Ann Hill of San Francisco, Calif., and Paula Schulte of Cedar Rapids; one son, Clifford Hill Jr. of Columbus, Ga.; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George Owen Hill and Delos Hagen Hill.

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