

## Ray O. Stout, 83

Ray O. Stout, 83, of Oskaloosa, died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

His funeral service was held Wednesday, July 5, at the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with the Rev. Michael Crouch officiating. Burial was at the Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa. Bates Funeral Chapel of Oskaloosa was in charge of the arrangements.

Ray was born Feb. 14, 1923 in Mahaska County, the son of Leonard and Martha M. (Mattie) Awtry Stout. He graduated from Lacey High School with the Class of 1941. After high school, he farmed with his father. On July 11, 1943, he was married to Doris M. Reese at Oskaloosa and to this union was born a daughter, Joyce. In March of 1949, he moved to a farm south of Montezuma with his family and his parents. He continued to farm with his father until his father died in December of 1965, and he then continued to operate the farm until retiring. His wife, Doris, died on July 20, 1985. He moved to Oskaloosa in 1988. On Aug. 10, 1990, he was united in marriage to Lavata Agan Brownlee at Oskaloosa.

He loved life as a farmer, his fam-

ily, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. He traveled extensively throughout his life, visiting all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. He was a wonderful, loving husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather, and he loved to whistle and sing. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa.

His first wife preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Lavata Brownlee Stout of Oskaloosa; his daughter, Joyce Reams of Grinnell; two stepsons, Tom (and Sue) Brownlee of Indianola and Jerry (and Babs) Brownlee of Des Moines; a stepdaughter, Sandy Brownlee of West Des Moines; two grandchildren, Mark Reams (and Krystle Bradley) and Melissa Reams Sheppard; four step-grandchildren, Phillip, Parker, and Wendy Brownlee, and Amber Dage; four great-grandchildren, Shelby, Jacob, and Preston Reams, and Robbie Sheppard; three step-great-grandchildren, Michael, Destiny and Mandy Dage; a sister, Geraldine Ross of Montezuma; and close friend and cousin, Irvin (and Laura) Awtry of Davenport.

Memorials may be made to Mahaska Hospice of the First Christian Church.

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