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Charles H. Hamilton



Charles H. Hamilton, 86, of Lynnville, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. at Lynnville Friends Church with Dr. Douglas Smiley officiating. Burial will take place in Barnes City Cemetery. The family will greet friends Thursday, Aug. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Lynnville Friends Church. Memorials may be made to Lynnville Friends Church Project Blueprint and left at the church.

He was born Oct. 6, 1920, in Delta, Iowa, to Jesse and Nola Hamilton. He grew up in Delta, later residing in Barnes City. He attended school in Delta and Barnes City where he graduated from high school with the class of 1938. He served in the United States

Army during World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was married to Hazel M. Brouwer on Sept. 5, 1945, in Montezuma. He farmed for several years, then worked for the Barnes City Post Office for 25 years, retiring as postmaster. He and his wife moved to Texas in 1989, where he taught Sunday School and organized a food bank in their church as well as an elder, usher and Sunday School superintendent; a Gideon, Boy Scout leader and commander and chaplain of the American Legion post. They returned to Lynnville in 2006.

He is survived by his wife Hazel Hamilton of Lynnville; one son Rodney Hamilton of Barnes City; two daughters, Joyce Beyer of Lynnville and Sara Hoover of Walford; six grandchildren eight great grandchildren; two sisters Shirley Freese of Norwalk and Doris Freeborn of Newton and one brother Gilbert Hamilton of Omaha, Neb. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Dennis who was pronounced Missing in Action in 1968 during the Viet Nam War and three sisters Dorothea Tinsley, Helen Spin and Ann Duecore.

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Charles attended schools in Delta and Barnes City, graduating from Barnes City High School with the Class of 1938. He farmed in his early years of marriage and later worked at the Barnes City Post Office for 25 years, retiring in 1986 as Postmaster. He taught Sunday School and organized the food bank at the church they attended in Texas. He had also served on the cemetery board,

as Sunday School Superintendent, elder, usher, Gideon, Boy Scout leader, Pleasant Homes President and past Chaplain of the American Legion.

Charles is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Lynnville; one son, Rodney (Linda) Hamilton of Barnes City; two daughters, Joyce (Dwight) Beyer of Lynnville and Sara (Adrian) Hoover of Walford, six grandchildren, Bradley (Dawn) Hamilton of Malcom, Bryan (Ami) Hamilton of Centerville, Lisa (Matt) Facile of Newton, Chantelle (Bob) Beiner of Newton, Emily (Matt) VerMeer of Hannibal, Mo. and Mallory Beyer of Lynnville; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley (Willard) Freese of Norwalk and Doris Freeborn of Newton and one brother, Gilbert (Eleanor) Hamilton of Omaha, Neb., and many nieces, nephews and friends both in Iowa and Texas.

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Memorials in his name may be designated to Lynnville Friends Church - Project Blueprint and may be left at the church.

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