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## Gordon Hull, 82

Gordon Hull, 82 of La Crosse, Wis., and formerly of Oskaloosa, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at Franciscan Healthcare after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

He was born on the family farm near Taintor, on Jan. 3, 1926, to Albert Devern and Neta (Sparks) Hull. He married Francine Fredrickson, and she preceded him in death in 2006. Gordon served in World War II as an army sergeant in the European theater of operations. He was an expert marksman, an excellent horseman, and an avid reader. After the war, he returned to his six generation family farm and headed a large turkey hatchery operation. He later worked as postmaster in Taintor, then as an employee at the Taintor Savings Bank in New Sharon. More recently, he enjoyed involvement in renovation projects in the historic home where he resided in La Crosse. He was a loving, supportive father, husband, and friend who will be missed by many.

He is survived by his daughter, Lu Ann Cagin, and his son-in-law Charles Cagin of La Crosse; also a step-daughter, Denise Stickel of Arizona; and two grandchildren, Martin Cagin and David Cagin of Chicago. He is also survived by his sister, Colleen (Jack) Bedford of Wauke; two sisters-in-law, Jo Ann Fredrickson of Montezuma, and Janet (Jim) Van Dee of Des Moines; three nieces, Barbara (Gary) Rosberg of Wauke, Renee (Todd) Scott of Altoona, and Rita Heithoff of Ankeny; two nephews, Barry (Roxie) Bedford of Coralville, and Steven Van Dee of Kansas City; also his very dear cousins, Mary Ann (Rodney) Fawcett of Oskaloosa.

A memorial service was held in Taintor, at the Taintor Community Church on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at 3 p.m. Pastor David Pinkerton officiated. Preceding the funeral, there was a graveside burial service at 2 p.m. at the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. Military rites were given by the Oskaloosa American Legion, V.F.W. and D.A.V.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the La Crosse downtown Rotary Foundation, or to the Franciscan Skemp Hospital Cancer Center where he received loving, personal care.