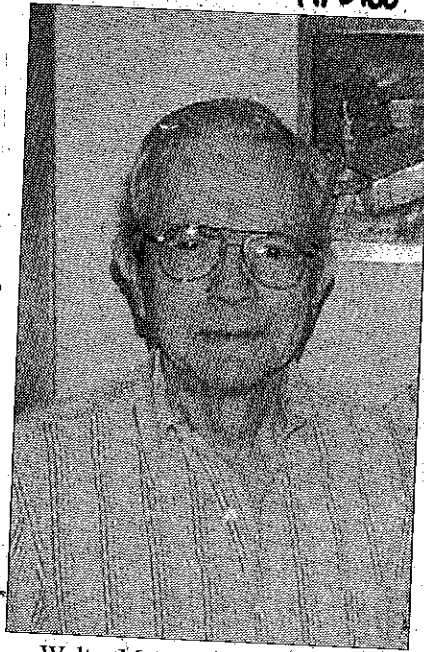


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He is survived by his son, Alan Mason of Grapevine, Texas; five sisters, Mae Ruby of New Sharon, Wanda Robertson of Oskaloosa, Ivalene Robbins of Oskaloosa, Wilma Sanders of Deep River and Nancy Doonan of Barnes City; two brothers, Paul Mason of Barnes City and Ernest Mason of Oskaloosa. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavonne; his parents; three brothers, William Mason, Oren Mason and Norman Mason and two sisters, Edith Kinney and Ina Cox.

Walter Mason, 80, of New Sharon died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 at Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Nov. 6, at Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon. His body was cremated after the service. Memorials may be made to the New Sharon Fire and Rescue.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1928, near Delta, Iowa to Oliver and Bertha Small Mason. He attended country school and graduated from Barnes City High School. On Nov 6, 1950, he was inducted into the United States Army. On March 6, 1951, while home on leave, he married Lavonne June Davis in Oskaloosa. While serving in Korea, he was hit by machine gun fire in the foot and from shrapnel in the legs. He was taken prisoner of war. After being liberated, he was taken to the 141st General Hospital in Japan and then to Brooks Army Hospital in San Antonio, where he recuperated for one year. He received the Purple Heart. He retired from the Army in 1952 and he and his wife made their home in Union Mills, later moving to New Sharon. He worked for his brother, Norman and Mahaska County. He began working at the New Sharon Post Office in 1953, retiring in 1986 as postmaster. He was a charter member of the Fuller-Sarvis American Legion Post #507 and was an active member in the Coffin-Miller American Legion Post #446. He attended the New Sharon Christian Church and belonged to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Ex-Prisoner of War and the New Sharon Fire Department.