



## Don Leroy Parlet

January 26, 1924 - July 9, 2017

Don Parlet, 93, of Oskaloosa passed away Sunday morning, July 9, 2017, at the Northern Mahaska Nursing and Specialty Center in Oskaloosa. Don Leroy Parlet, son of Roy E. and Marguerite (Tennis) Parlet, was born January 26, 1924, at the farm home of his parents. It was the same farm he worked and lived on his entire life in Harrison Township, Section 11, in Mahaska County. He attended Cedar Consolidated School, graduating in 1941. While in high school, Don worked part-time at Putnam's Garage in Oskaloosa, helped his father with the farm work, but found time to also participate in basketball and baseball. After graduation, Don helped his father with farming and continued to enjoy sports with his friends. June 18, 1944, Don was united in marriage to Betty A. Binns at the Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. They settled on a farmstead near his parent's farm and Don continued farming with his father. Through the years, Don purchased more land adjoining the original Parlet farm. Early in his career he had a milking operation and he raised sheep and beef cattle. He was one of the first farmers in his area to build a farrowing area for his hogs. Later in his farming career he focused his energy on just crop production. In 2008, Don retired from farming after 65 years. Don attended Cedar United Methodist Church and was a farm Bureau member. He and his wife, Betty, were members of the neighborhood 5:45 Club and the C.R.O.W. Club. His family includes his son, Gary of Oskaloosa; his granddaughters: Eugenia and Wendi Parlet, both of Honolulu, Hawaii; two great-grandchildren: Adam and Ashley, at home in Honolulu; his Hanai grandson, Michael Taylor Dixson of Boring, Oregon; several nieces, nephews; and many friends. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by Betty, his wife of over 68 years and his sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Max Franklin.

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“ Offering my sympathies to Gary and his family. Growing up down the road from you and your family holds many memories for me. Saying a prayer for you.. Jacque Walraven Jepson

**Jacque Walraven Jepson** - July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to you, Gary, and your family.

**Karen Hanna Reynolds** - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincere sympathy to your family. Fond memories of Don and Betty Arlene at Binns reunion. I am Bennie and Mable's third daughter.

**Ted and Louise Binns Burson** - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

**Garland** - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM