



Everett William Chandler

May 27, 1914 - February 9, 2008

Everett William Chandler: Everett William Chandler, son of William Henry & Dora Belle Wymore Chandler was born May 27, 1914 on a Mahaska County farm near Gibson, IA. In 1926 the family moved to Balaton, MN. Everett was a 1932 graduate of Balaton High School and attended two years at Mankato State College, where he earned a Class 1 Teaching Certificate, before the family returned to Iowa in 1934. He taught Riggs and then Coal Creek # 3 rural school in Mahaska and Keokuk County and worked as a carpenter with his father during the summer.

On May 22, 1941 Everett married Rosamond Arlene Hadley in Lancaster, MO. They taught together in Ollie Consolidated School until Everett was drafted. He served as a Sergeant with the Army Air Corps in the 128th AAF Base Unit from Feb. 15, 1943 to Feb. 22, 1946. Upon returning home, he taught one term in Fisher School, rural Mahaska Co., and then continued teaching 7th & 8th grades in Ollie, IA. Everett graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Parsons College in Fairfield, IA. He served for several years as Ollie's City Clerk, was President of the Keokuk County Teachers Association, a member of Ollie Methodist Church, a Boy Scout leader, a coach of boys & girls sports, a charter member of the Ollie Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Ollie Masonic Lodge for over 50 years.

The family moved to Oskaloosa, IA in 1956, where Everett taught 7th & 8th

grade earth science and biology, first at Webster School and then at Oskaloosa Junior High until his retirement in 1978. He restarted the Girls' Basketball program in 1973 and coached many other Jr. High sports for both boys and girls. Everett was a former member of the Oskaloosa Y's Men Club, the Oskaloosa Kiwanis Club, Men with Vision, a Boy Scout Leader, and an active member of Central United Methodist Church, serving on various boards and as a Jr. High Boys Sunday School Teacher. Everett wrote poetry to commemorate special occasions at church, school, and within his family. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and conservationist. Everett enjoyed many summers at his cottage on Chase Lake near Deer River, MN.

Everett was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Arlene, who died on Nov. 24th, 2004; an infant daughter, Doris Arlene, his parents, two sisters, Hester Nelson and Mavis Van Cleve; and a brother, Kenneth Chandler.

Everett's memory is honored by his two daughters and their husbands: Rosamond & Robert Cumings of West Branch, IA, and Helen and Donald Coffin of Wayland, IA. He was blessed with "6" grandchildren: Rhonda and Derek Leith of West Branch, IA, Richard Cumings and his special friend, Nicole Blackwood, both of Eveleth, MN; Christine Coffin of Fairfield, IA; and Suzanne Coffin of Wayland, IA. Three great grandchildren: Alexander and Jordan Leith of West Branch, IA, and Kathryn Coffin of Wayland, IA. One sister-in-Law, Eloise Snakenberg of Sigourney, IA; and one Brother-In-Law, John and Eloise Hadley of Richland, IA. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorials may be directed to Central United Methodist Church, the Mahaska County Conservation Center, or Hospice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Everett William Chandler*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *I miss you grandpa. I hope that you are taking good care of my puppy Panda. She wasn't used to gun fire so please don't take her hunting. Please tell her i love and miss her.*

Kathryn Coffin - April 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I miss you grandpa. Everyday. Jordan's in Bemidji now. LerDChan is still going. We're taking care of it. I love you.*

Rhonda Leith - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM