



Ralph Dwight Lockard

October 8, 1932 - October 26, 2015

Ralph D. Lockard, 83, of Oskaloosa passed away Monday morning, October 26, 2015, at his home in Oskaloosa.

Ralph Dwight Lockard, son of Cleo and Mabel (McDonough) Lockard, was born October 8, 1932, at the rural home of his parents southeast of New Sharon, Iowa. Farming was the occupation that Ralph learned at an early age, helping his father on the family farm. After completing the eighth grade, he continued to work with his father until he was inducted into the Army November 11, 1952. He served in Korea as a platoon leader. He was discharged November 19, 1954, as a Sergeant. In 1953, while in the military, he married Anita Hicklin, from that union two sons were born. After his discharge from the military, he returned to Mahaska County, and he and Anita rented a farm near Lacey. In 1965, they moved to Rose Hill, and Ralph began working for Standard Oil selling fertilizer. He remained with Standard Oil until 1971, when he returned to farming. Ralph and Anita later divorced. He married Willamina Emily DeJong, March 8, 1975, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. She passed away May 29, 1998. Following his retirement from farming in 1980, he went to work for the New Sharon Co-op. He worked there nine years. Ralph enjoyed working and staying busy, after leaving the Co-op, he worked for Gary De Gooy, helping him with his farm operation. He was busy helping with the harvest until just shortly before his death.

Ralph's family includes his two sons and daughters-in-law: Jim & Donna Lockard of Oskaloosa and Bob and Kim Lockard also of Oskaloosa; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Willamina, Ralph was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Augustine and great-grandchildren: three-month-old Kyrstin Lockard and infant Travis Jr. Provo.

As was his wish, his body has been cremated. No services are planned at this time. Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp is handling the arrangements. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online guestbook at gvlfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Dwight Lockard*

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