



## Richard E. Veldhuizen

November 15, 1920 - December 2, 2010

Richard E. Veldhuizen: Richard passed away Thursday morning at the Mahaska Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa at the age of 90 years and seventeen days.

Rich's family includes his wife, Bernice of Oskaloosa; a son, John (Ongie) Veldhuizen of Blairsville, GA; two grandsons: Randy (Kim) Veldhuizen of Oskaloosa and Robert (Jill) Veldhuizen of Eddyville, Iowa; four step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; fourteen step-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren. He is survived by two sisters: Gradda Tien of Phillipsburg, KS and Veda (Bill) Bousema of Sanborn, IA; and three brothers: Jay Veldhuizen, Bill Veldhuizen, and Dale Veldhuizen, all of Oskaloosa.

Richard Edward Veldhuizen, son of John and Hattie Schemper Veldhuizen, was born November 15, 1920 near Prairie View, Kansas. December 1925, his family moved to Tracy, Iowa, where Rich attended Tracy School and later Jack Oak School in Mahaska County. As one of eight children, Rich helped on the family farm and after his schooling, continued to farm with his father. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on October 3, 1942 and was discharged January 24, 1946. While in the military he married Bernice Kool, December 5, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky. After his discharge, Richard and Bernice settled on a farm near Fremont, Iowa, where he farmed until 1984, at which time they

moved to Oskaloosa. Rich was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and was active in the Gideons. He was also a member of the American Legion. Richard served as an election official for many years and also served as a Cedar Township Trustee. During his retirement years, Rich enjoyed golfing and drinking coffee with his buddies.

Besides his parents, Rich was preceded in death by a sister, Hendreen Branderhorst and a brother, Albert Veldhuizen.

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