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Daniel Vincent Heffernan, 81

Oct. 22, 1918 – March 29, 2000

DUNLAP – Daniel Vincent Heffernan was born Oct. 22, 1918, to Daniel L. and Margaret Frances (Gaughan) Heffernan west of Dunlap. He attended country school and graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in 1936. As a teenager, Danny was in charge of the ice wagon for Rider & Co. He served for 39 months in the U.S. Army during WW II as a MP. He served in Africa and Italy and finished his time in Fort Riley, FL.

June 29, 1946, he married Lela Nauroth. He worked for 37 years with the M&S Chevrolet in Dunlap, as a parts manager and later the assistant manager. He was considered to be the best parts man in Iowa and Nebraska, and received many awards for the honor. After M&S was sold, he and his brother-in-law, Howard Nauroth, opened Dunlap Body & Repair. The business was sold to the Dunlap Co-op in 1995. Following a massive stroke five years ago, he became a resident of the Dunlap Care Center. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. He was co-founder and president of the Dunlap Saddle Club. He died March 29, 2000, at the Dunlap Nursing & Rehab Center at Dunlap at age 81.

Preceding Danny in death were his parents and a brother, John Leo Heffernan. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lela Heffernan of Dunlap; four daughters, Dianne (Byron) Bremser of Dow City; Mary (Mike) Elliott of Dunlap; Patricia Cook of Logan and Kathy (Ron) Tremel of Earling; 12 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two sisters, Marge Fink of Denison and Mary Wachter of Scottsdale, AZ; three brothers, Harold (Lil) Heffernan of St. Louis, MO; Pat (Eileen) Heffernan and Ed Heffernan, both of Dunlap; Bob Heffernan of Scottsdale, AZ and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 31, 2000, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap with Reverend Paul Strittmatter officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Sebastian Kisol, Homer Eggers, Dean Stewart and Mike Burg. Casket bearers were Chip Bremser, Mike Bremser, Matt Bremser, Jolene Elliott, Megan Elliott, Clint Elliott, Daniel Tremel, Katie Tremel, Kevin Tremel, Jared Cook, Jon Cook and Joshua Cook. Military graveside rites were courtesy of the Dunlap American Legion Post #224. Fouts Funeral Home of Dunlap/Woodbine in charge of arrangements.