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Donald Wickersham, 77

Aug. 12, 1924 – July 12, 2002

DES MOINES – Donald L. Wickersham was born Aug. 12, 1924, at Irwin, to James and Gladys Wickersham. He graduated from Irwin High School in 1942.

He married Edna Johnson of Irwin, in 1946. They have lived in Des Moines since 1957. He was a retired route sales representative with J.C. Penny Co. and a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Izaak Walton League and sang in a barbershop quartet and was a volunteer with Mercy Capital Hospital and Cattell Elementary School. He died at his home of complications from emphysema at age 77.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; four sons, Jerry, Richard and Tom of Des Moines and Jim of Rhodes; a daughter, Sarah Finestead of Minburn; a sister, Leila Halling of Perry; 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Services were held July 15, 2002, at Hamilton's Funeral Home with Pastor Richard Cox officiating. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Des Moines. Casket bearers were Steve Watson, Andrew Schwarz, Chris Malson, Kyle Wickersham, Carlos Medina and Daryl Finestead.