

Virgil Wiley, 91

July 15, 1917 - Sept. 19, 2008

IRWIN – Virgil Christopher Wiley, son of Fred and Clara (Lorenz) Wiley, was born on July 15, 1917 on a farm near Irwin, IA. He was one of eight children. Virgil was baptized at the Church of Christ in Irwin and graduated from Irwin Community High School with the class of 1936. After school, Virgil worked on the family farm until he joined the United States Army on November 4, 1941 at Fort Crook, NE. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge where he received numerous awards including the Purple Heart Award. On October 24, 1945, Virgil was honorably discharged at Fort Sheridan, IL and returned back to the family farm.



March 31, 1946, Virgil was united in marriage to Bernadine Pedersen at the Methodist Church in Harlan, IA. To this union five children were born: Diana, Nancy, Gary, Deb, and Steven. The couple made their home near Irwin after their wedding. In 1978 they moved to Irwin where Virgil became a member of the United Methodist Church. During the school year, Virgil could be found driving the school bus for the Irwin, Kirkman School District. Virgil also was very proud of his farm and enjoyed being outside. When he wasn't busy driving the school bus or working on the farm, Virgil could be found watching his favorite sports teams. He was also an active member of the local American Legion. He died on Friday, September 19, 2008 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, IA having attained the age of ninety-one years, two months, and four days.

Virgil is preceded in death by his parents, his son Steven, his grandson Richard, his brothers Chester and Lester and his sister Clara. He is survived by his wife Bernadine of Manilla, IA; his children: Diana Weber of Irwin, IA; Nancy and her husband Kenny Dersien of Ida Grove, IA; Gary Wiley and his wife Pam of Omaha, NE; Deb and her husband Marvir Gross of Earling, IA; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren; his siblings: Ray Wiley and his wife Jewell of Colorado Springs, CO; Russell Wiley of Oakland CA; Irma Holley of Glidden, IA; and Donna Freeman of St. James, MN; nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends.

Funeral service was held on Monday, September 22, 2008, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, IA with Rev. Keith Pals officiating the 1:30 PM service. Honorary casket bearers were: Jessica Staudt, Autumn Wiley, Roger Larson, and Linsey Wiley. Serving as

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casket bearers were: Mike Wiley, Justin Menichetti, Jason Gross, Skyler DeWitt, Dave Pedersen, Ricky DeWitt, and Kyle Staudt. Burial was held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, IA.

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