

Marshall County Sun

Thursday, April 16, 2009

WILLIAM 'BILL' BECKHAM, 95

William "Bill" Beckham, age 95 of Marshalltown, passed away, Friday, April 10, 2009 at Bickford Cottage in Marshalltown. Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Pursel Davis Funeral



Home in Marshalltown. Burial was held in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be sent to the family at vogelfuneral-homes.com. Pursel Davis Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with arrangements.

Bill was born October 19, 1913, in Colfax, Iowa, the son of George and Mary (James) Beckham. He was raised in the Colfax and Newton areas. In July of 1932, he was united in marriage to Helene Lucille Meyer in Unionville, MO. Helene died December 4, 1967. He was later united in marriage to Verna Henshaw on January 2, 1988, in Marshalltown. Bill was employed with Bos Frightline for over 24 years and the Marshalltown Park and Recreation Department

for over ten years until retiring in the early 1970's. Bill enjoyed gardening, golfing and bowling in the senior league. He was a member of the Marshalltown Moose Lodge and the Lincoln Valley Golf Club.

Bill is survived by his wife Verna, children; Monna Mae (Earl) Weuve of State Center, Terry (Judy) Beckham of Marshalltown, Chila (Donald) Harms of Eugene, OR; daughter-in-law, Donita Beckham of Scottsdale, AZ; sisters, Margaret Clements of Kalamazoo, MI, Phyllis Godfrey of Muscatine, IA; 17 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; stepson, Roger (Mary) Henshaw, of Encinada, CA; stepdaughters, Marcy (Kevin) Okerman of San Diego, CA and Vicky (Dick) Ellege of Cabot, AK.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; son, Thomas Beckham; grandchild, Amy Beckham; sister, Eleanor Cooper, and brother, George Beckham, Jr.



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