

## Chester Alvin Bills

OCT. 30, 1916-Nov. 18, 2002

Chester Alvin Bills, 86, of Nevada, died Monday of pneumonia at Rolling Green Village in Nevada. Services will be at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada, with the Rev. Myron D. Herzberg officiating. Military graveside rites will be conducted at the Nevada Municipal Cemetery.

Chester Alvin Bills was born Oct. 30, 1916, in Unionville, Mo., the son of Franklin and Leosha (Dodd) Bills. He married Gloria Pritchard Sept. 30, 1944, in Nevada. He served in the United States Army during World War II, receiving the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman Badge. He worked in the maintenance department of the Story County Road

Department. He retired in 1981. He was a member of Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada, William F. Ball American Legion Post No. 48, 40 and 8, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2209 and Moose Lodge No. 520.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Judith Blair of Nevada and Sharon Sears of Des Moines; one son, Craig Bills of Nevada; one grandson; one great-granddaughter; six step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers; four sisters; and one grandson.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada.

Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada is in charge of arrangements.

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**November 21, 2002**

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**Oct. 30, 1916, to Nov. 18, 2002**

**Chester Alvin Bills, 86, of Nevada, died of pneumonia on Monday, Nov. 18, at Rolling Green Village in Nevada.**

**He was born on Oct. 30, 1916, in Unionville, Mo., to Franklin and Leosha (Dodd) Bills. He grew up in the Unionville area and attended the Lone Star schools in Putnam County, Mo. Chet was an Army veteran of W.W. II, serving in the European theater and receiving the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He married Gloria Pritchard on Sept. 30, 1944, in Nevada. He retired in 1981 for the maintenance department with the Story County Road Department. He was a member of the Memorial Lutheran Church, William F. Ball American Legion Post No. 48, 40 & 8, V.F.W. Post No. 2209, DAV - 34th Infantry Division Association and Moose Lodge #520. He enjoyed reading, playing cards, gardening and dancing. He had been a resident of Nevada since 1945.**

**Survivors include his wife, Gloria Bills of Nevada; two daughters, Judith Blair of Nevada and Sharon (and Richard) Sears of Des Moines; a son, Craig Bills (and Pam Deitrick) of Nevada; one grandson; one great-granddaughter; six step-grandchildren and 11 step-great grandchildren.**

**Chet is preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Earnest Milton, Charlie, Everette (Happy), Jesse Bills and James in infancy; four sisters, Gelena Gray, Edith Bills, Leta Trent and Clara in infancy; a son-in-law, Ted Blair, and one grandson, Timothy Sears.**

**Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada with Pastor Myron D. Herzberg officiating. Military graveside rites were conducted at the Nevada Municipal Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada.**