

Thursday, July 9, 2009

**MARTIN B. FAILOR,  
83**

Martin B. Failor, 83, of Rhodes, died Sunday, July 5, 2009, at MMSC.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Mitchell



Family Funeral Home. Burial followed in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Public Library of Des Moines- Iowa Library for the Blind, 100 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. For condolences, please visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com). The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Martin and his family. Phone 641-844-1234.

Martin Braley Failor was born on March 18, 1926, in Gilman, Iowa. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1944. After graduation, he served our country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, when he was blinded by mortar shell fire. He landed in Okinawa, Japan, on April 1, 1945. He also served on Pavuvu in the Solomon Islands. On

August 22, 1959, he married Ruth Beggs in Rhodes. They were married in the home where Martin had lived since age 14.

Martin was a HAM radio operator WOSLC. He raised chickens, liked to read, and enjoyed doing yardwork and listening to the radio, especially Chicago Cubs games. He was a member of the American Legion and the Blind Veterans Association.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Ruth Failor, of Rhodes; his two children, Gayla (John) Nancarrow of Plano, TX, and Craig (Carmel) Failor of Oak Park, IL; his five grandchildren, Allie and Emily Nancarrow, both of Plano, TX, and Graham, Braley, and Evan Failor, all of Oak Park, IL; his brothers, Gene (Margaret) Failor of Oneida, TN, and his sister-in-law, Juanita Hoepfner of Sutherland, IA.

In death, he has rejoined his parents, his brother-in-law, Paul Hoepfner, his brother, Stewart Failor, and his sister, Carol Ann Failor.

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