

John S. Foley

Oct. 7, 1915, to Oct. 23, 2002



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John S. Foley, 87, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Harbor Crest Home in Fulton, Mass.

He was born Oct. 7, 1915, in Nevada to Thomas James and Mary Elizabeth (Wheelock) Foley. He graduated in 1935 from Kelley High School. He married Irene Mae Thomas on Nov. 8, 1945, at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Ames. He was a veteran of the Army (drafted Feb. 6, 1941, to July 2, 1945) serving during WWII. He was a Staff Sergeant, serving with the famous "Hell on Wheels" 2nd Armored Division, a platoon Sergeant in charge of the trucks that hauled the gasoline to the front lines to refill armored tanks. He served from Fort Benning, Ga., to Berlin and was in seven battles and earned two commendations and the Bronze Star. He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish, the Veteran of Foreign Wars VFW post 9664, the National Association of Retired Veteran Railway Employees unit 67, the TCU Transportation Union and the Loyal Order of the Moose #363. He retired from the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in 1980 after 34 years of service. He later worked for the Ford Auto dealer for 11 years. He was a volunteer Cub Scout Master and past president of Clinton High Boosters Club. He was sports fan and avid Cubs and Hawkeye fan, he managed a Little League team, enjoyed traveling and camping; and his greatest love was spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Irene of Clinton; a daughter, Ann Foley of Davenport; four sons, Bill (and Nancy) of Fulton, James (and Terry) of Orange

Park, Fla., Michael of Colo, and Daniel "Beaver" of Belle Plaine; 10 grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Alice Foley, of Story City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and four brothers.

Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Sacred Heart Church Prince of Peace Parish with the Rev. Lawrence Smith officiating. Burial was in St. Irenaeus Catholic Cemetery with military rites conducted by Clinton AMVETS. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, Mercy Home Care or Mercy Scholarship Foundation. Lemke Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Clinton handled the arrangements.

John Sylvester Foley

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John Sylvester Foley, 87, of Clinton, died Wednesday of heart failure at Harbor Crest Home in Fulton. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Prince of Peace Parish in Clinton, with the Rev. Lawrence Smith officiating. Burial will be in St. Irenaeus Catholic Cemetery with military rites conducted to by the Clinton AMVETS.

John Sylvester Foley was born Oct. 7, 1915, in Nevada, the son of Thomas James and Mary Elizabeth (Wheelock) Foley. He graduated from Kelley High School in 1935. He married Irene Mae Thomas Nov. 8, 1945, in Ames. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for North Western Railroad and for a Ford auto dealer. He was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars VFW Post 9664, the National Association of Retired Veteran Railway Employees unit 67, the TCU Transportation Union, the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 363 and Sacred Heart Catholic Church Prince of



Peace Parish.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Ann Foley of Davenport; four sons, Bill Foley of Fulton, James Foley of Orange Park, Fla., Michael Foley of Colo and Daniel Foley of Belle Plaine; seven grandsons; and three granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Lemke Funeral Home in Clinton. A vigil service will be at 4 p.m. and a rosary will be at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Mercy Hospice, Mercy Home Care or Mercy Scholarship Foundation.

Lemke Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of arrangements.

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