

John Guckert, 84

John Guckert, 84, of Marshalltown, died Monday morning, March 31st, at his home while in care of his loving family and the Iowa River Hospice.

Memorial services celebrating his life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 3rd, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home with Bobby Shomo, chaplain of the Iowa River Hospice officiating. He will be laid to rest at a later date. Visitation will be held from 6-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for John and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born on May 22nd, 1923, in Rhodes, Iowa, he was the son of John Christopher and Margaret (Dunn) Guckert. He graduated from Rhodes High School.

John defended our country proudly in WWII in the United States Navy. He served in the Pacific Theatre as a 2nd Gunner's Mate.

On October 28th, 1951, in Mar-

shalltown at St. Mary's Catholic Church, he was united in marriage to Arla Steward. They resided in Rhodes and Marshalltown. He was employed at Fisher Controls for 25 years, farmed at Rhodes and was a member of the Moose lodge in Newton and former member of the American Legion in Rhodes and Marshalltown. Mr. Guckert enjoyed gardening, dancing, hunting, boating, and sports and coached Little League and played baseball in Rhodes for several years.

Left to cherish his memory are his living wife of 56 years, Arla, his children: Jean (Doug) Campbell, John Guckert, Jim (Toni) Guckert, Joe Guckert, and Judy Thomas (Mark Johnson), his grandchildren: Jay Campbell, John Campbell, Jason Guckert, Jill Thomas, Jeffrey Guckert, Julie Thomas, D.J. Cunningham, Josh Cunningham, Lauren Cunningham and Cie Ann Cunningham, as well as a host of friends.

In death he has rejoined his parents and sister, Margaret Pohle.