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### Maurice C. Johnson



Born: 1/25/1915  
Died: 11/2/2002

Services will be held at: 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 06, 2002 at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. INTERMENT will follow services in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, LeGrand, Iowa.

Visitation times are: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Tuesday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will be greeting friends from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Maurice C. Johnson, age 87, of LeGrand, Iowa died Saturday, November 02, 2002 at Westbrook Acres, Gladbrook, Iowa. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held Wednesday, November 06, 2002, at 1:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory with Reverend Ron Bryan, LeGrand Friends Church, officiating. A VISITATION will be from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Tuesday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. INTERMENT will follow services at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural LeGrand, Iowa. MEMORIALS may be directed to the charity of the giver's choice.

Maurice Charles was born January 25, 1915, in LeGrand, Iowa, the son of Oscar Willets & Edna (Kelsey) Johnson. Maurice grew up in the LeGrand area where he graduated from the LeGrand High School in 1932. He later attended the Iowa State College in Ames where he received his degree in Animal Husbandry. While attending ISC (ISU) he played varsity basketball and baseball and was a member of the Adelante Fraternity. Upon completion of college, he returned to LeGrand for a short time before serving his country during WWII in the Coast Guard from 1942 - 1946. He was married to Barbara June Bauerle, April 02, 1949 in Marshalltown. Maurice farmed the family farm and also worked with his father and their hybrid seed company, O.W. Johnson & Son. He operated the seed company until its sale in the early 1970's, but Maurice continued to farm actively until 1999. During the 1950's & 60's, Maurice enjoyed officiating at high school basketball & baseball games. Maurice was a member of the LeGrand Friends Church, Iowa Farm Bureau, Marshalltown Men's Garden Club, Iowa Crop Improvement Association, charter member of the Iowa Cattleman's Association (formerly Iowa Beef Producers), where he was inducted into their hall of fame in 1978. He served on the advisory committee of the Chicago Board of Trade for the study of the Livestock Exchange Yards Development and was very well known for his efforts around the state serving "Top of Iowa Steaks" in community barbecues. Maurice was also on the restoration committee of the Marshall County Court House, where he was awarded for his community service by the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce in 1978 and served 18 years on the LeGrand Park Board, instrumental in building the LeGrand Community Center. Maurice is survived by his wife: Barbara Johnson, LeGrand, Iowa, two sons: Craig & wife Carolyn Lieberg Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa & Leonard & wife Trudi Foval-Johnson, LeGrand, Iowa, two daughters: Lorene & husband John Rodriguez, Cedar Rapids, Iowa & Caralee Blayney, Davenport, Iowa, seven grandchildren: Given Johnson, Laura Blayney, Joel, Paul & Ellen Rodriguez and Claire & Zane Johnson and two sisters: Kay Louise & husband Richard Raymond, Pontiac, Michigan & Myrna Shope, LeGrand, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents.