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Edwin Pope Jontz



Born: June 17, 1918

Died: September 19, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:00 A.M, on Friday, September 24, 2004, at Laurel United Methodist Church. Burial will follow services in the Riverside Cemetery with military rites to follow.

Visitation times are: Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Edwin Elmer Jontz was born on June 17, 1918 in Lorimer, Iowa, the son of Elmer and Mary Johnston Jontz. He received his early education in Rhodes, Collins and Mason City. He graduated from Van Cleve in 1938 and attended Chillicothe Business College and

Iowa State. Ed enlisted in the Army Air Force in August of 1941. He graduated from Armament school at Lowry Field, Denver Colorado and then from gunnery school in Las Vegas. He flew as a gunner for six months and then received his pilot's wings in July, 1943. He was a flight instructor for B 25's at Douglas, Arizona for 2 years. After the war he operated a G. J. Flight Instructor School for 2 years at Elkader, Iowa. Ed married Carol Fitz on March 7, 1943 at the Laurel Methodist Church. From 1949 to 1993 Ed and Carol farmed south of Van Cleve where being a good steward of the land was important to them. From 1968 to 1984 they operated the E Bar J Farm Supply in Baxter. He was a member of the Laurel Methodist Church and Laurel American Legion Harold McBroom Post # 638. He loved fishing in Canada with his friends and family Ed is survived by: wife, Carol Jontz of Marshalltown; daughter, Barb (Jerry) Gazaway of Marshalltown, Janie (Rick) Sherman of Deming, New Mexico, Julie (Steve) Lang of Marshalltown. Also surviving are his eight grandchildren: Jeffrey Gazaway of Urbandale: Tom (Melanie) Gazaway of Camden, New Jersey: Matt (Tara) Gazaway of Fairway, Kansas; Jerah Sherman of Deming, New Mexico; Jakub Sherman of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Joshua (Catherine) Lang, Joey (Wendy) Lang and Brooke Lang all of Marshalltown and one great-granddaughter Jillian Lang of Marshalltown, two sisters: Doris Knoll of Marshalltown, Bonnie Trowbridge of Rhodes and sister-in-law: Edna Fitz of Marshalltown. He was preceded in death by, his parents and his sister, Maxine Davidson.