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LeRoy R. Knapp

March 27, 1897, to Oct. 1, 2001

LeRoy R. Knapp, 104, of Riverview Care Center, Des Moines, died of pneumonia on Oct. 1 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

He was born March 27, 1897 in Sanborn to Frank and Rebecca (Biggs) Knapp. He had lived in Spencer, Algona and Nevada, before moving to Des Moines in February. He was a retired shipping and receiving worker with Montgomery Wards, a Navy veteran of World War I (He had been the oldest living veteran in Story County.), and a member of First Christian Church in Ames, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and 40 & 8. He was inducted into the Bowling Hall of Fame in 1997.

Survivors include a son, Lester, of Salem, S.C.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Johnson of Urbandale; a stepson, Floyd Baldwin of Urbandale; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Sena and Ireta.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 5, at Adams Funeral Home, Ames. Burial was in the Cambridge Cemetery in Cambridge. Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

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