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Norman E. Mattke

Oct. 9, 1924, to Sept. 23, 2003

Norman E. Mattke, 78, of Waverly, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, from cancer.

He was born Oct. 9, 1924, to Erwalt H. (Pete) and Goldie (Terry) Mattke near Clarksville. His mother died the day after he was born and his father later married Theresa Mulder. He was raised by his uncle and grandmother, Harry Mattke and Emma Mattke. He graduated from Waverly High School in 1943 and shortly after he entered the U.S. Navy during World War II. On Feb. 18, 1946, he married Irma Brase at Albert Lea, Minn. The couple made its home in Waverly, and he worked for John Deere and Company in Waterloo for a time. He then began a career at the Shield Bantam Company (now known as Terex) in Waverly. He and Irma also owned and operated Norm's Studio out of their home, taking pictures of more than 365 weddings. He retired in 1987, but continued to assist Irma with her Electrolux Vacuum business. He was a patriotic man, who enjoyed fishing, camping and the out-of-doors. He also enjoyed spending time with family.

Survivors include his wife, Irma, of Waverly; four children, Judy (and Roger) Buss of Waverly, Michael (and Jane) Mattke of Glenpool, Okla., Mary Myers (and her fiancé Jim Sevey) of Janesville and Dennis (and Beth) Mattke of Waverly; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; his brother, Jim (and Mary Lou) Mattke of Nevada; and his special friend, Goldie, a golden retriever.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother and one son in infancy, Ronald Eugene Mattke.

Celebration of Life services were held Friday, Sept. 26, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly, with the Rev. Kristian Kincaid officiating. Burial, with military honors, was in the Harlington Cemetery, Waverly. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.