

John Lewis Overman

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John Lewis Overman, age 77, of Rhodes, passed away Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames. Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rhodes United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 5-8:00 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2008 at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Rhodes. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

John was born December 10, 1930, in Rhodes, Iowa, the son of John and Edith (Cowan) Overman. He was raised in Rhodes, graduating from Rhodes High School in 1948. Following graduation he served our country as a Sergeant in the US Marine Corp during the Korean War, where he received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal. On October 13, 1952, he was united in marriage to Darlene Lauterbach in Stout, Iowa. John and his family of five lived in Council Bluffs for ten years, where he managed a service station before returning to the Rhodes/Melbourne area. He was employed by Fisher Controls until his retirement in 1993.

John was an avid sportsman and enjoyed vegetable gardening. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Rhodes United Methodist Church.

John is survived by his wife, Darlene, of Rhodes, his daughter, Joyce Dugan of Rhodes, two sons; Ken (Lynn) Overman of Allen, TX, and Mark (Paulette) Overman of Garland, TX, four brothers; James (Bernie) Overman of Council Bluffs, Gene (Vickie) Overman of Texas, William (Sandy) Overman of Rhodes, and Tom (Nancy) Overman of Georgia, five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Charles.