

**THOMAS
BENJAMIN
PELHAM JR., 82**

Thomas Benjamin Pelham Jr., 82, of Marshalltown passed away Thursday, December 10, 2009 under the care of Iowa River Hospice.



Tom was born June 19, 1927 in Marshalltown, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He leaves behind a large and loving family who knew him as the "Rock" of the family. He was a passionate man who loved music, to laugh, and life itself. He loved his family and his wife, Opal.

Opal Mae Branon married Tom 61 years ago. In all of the years they were together they were only separated for one week. Tom and Opal Pelham had four children, three daughters, Jan (Ken) Danilson of Woodward, Shirley (Barry) Russie of Cedar Rapids,

Nancy (Pat) Garland of Marshalltown, one son Tom (Jana) Pelham of Gilman, Iowa. They also have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Tom was a World War 2 veteran who served in the Navy and was a member of the American legion Post 839, Marshalltown and the American Legion Post #46, Marshalltown. He was a retired member of the Teamsters Union.

Memorial services were held Monday, December 14, 2009, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Marshalltown. Private interment was at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown with full military honors.

The family would like to thank Dr. Aoki of of the Vetrans Administration Hospital of Des Moines and Dr. Zhu of Marshalltown.

Further thanks is extended to Iowa River Hospice, Marshaltown along with Pastor Greg Davison for such great care of Tom and his family.



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