

Thursday, August 6, 2009

KEN ROE, 84

Memorial services for Ken Roe, 84, rural Ames, who died July 28, will be Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Napier United Methodist Church.



Burial will be at a later date.

Mr. Roe was born July 30, 1924, near Williams, IA, to Ole and Mary Maisland Roe. He grew up in the Williams and Ellsworth areas. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in Japan and the Philippines.

On Sept. 12, 1949, he married Ann Bennett in Ames and they lived in Napier. He was a custodian and bus driver for the Napier School and later United Community School District, retiring in 1974. He was also a taxidermist for 35 years and became widely known throughout Iowa as one of the few full-time taxidermists in the state. He was an avid duck hunter and fisherman. He also raised roller pigeons and was a member of the National Birmingham Roller Pigeon Club. He also helped establish and maintain purple martin colonies throughout Central Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a son, David (Susan), Ames; a daughter, Sue Roe, Marshalltown; and one granddaughter, Mary Huntrods, Marshalltown.

A memorial fund is being established and memorials may be directed to the family. Brooks Funeral Care, Clive, is in charge of arrangements.