

OBITUARIES

Charles "Chuck" V. Ryan, 85

Charles Vernon Ryan, the son of Charles and Caroline (Sparks) Ryan was born March 10, 1919 on a farm south of Osceola, Iowa, and departed this life on March 26, 2004 at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. He lived his life to the age of 85.

Chuck, as he was known to family and friends, grew up in Murray and graduated from Murray High School in 1936. He attended Simpson College in Indianola and later attended mortuary school in St. Louis, MO.

On June 23, 1939, he was united in marriage to Doris Dickey at the Methodist Church in Murray. The couple had one son, Craig. After their marriage, Chuck worked in a funeral home in Chariton and later helped his father in a funeral home in Keokuk. He served his country in the United States Navy for four years during World War II. Upon returning from the service, Chuck purchased and operated a funeral home and furniture store in Melbourne until 1960. He and his family then came to Jefferson where Chuck purchased the Cudahy Furniture Store. He operated Ryan Furniture Store until his retirement in 2000.

Chuck was a member of the

Presbyterian Church in Jefferson, a charter member of the Jefferson Elks Lodge #2306, a 50-year member of the Jefferson Masonic Morning Star Lodge #159 and a member of the Jefferson American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, who is a resident of the Greene County Long Term Care Facility in Jefferson; his son Craig, and his wife Laurie, of Camdenton, MO, three grandchildren: Cherie Marcum of Dallas, TX; Leisha Wadle of Indianola; and Blake Sutherland of Durango, CO, and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Chet Ryan.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 29 at the Brown Funeral Home in Jefferson with Rev. Gordon Moen of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment was made in the Melbourne Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Marshalltown American Legion.

Serving as casket bearers were Joe Wyatt, Lee Onken, Dwayne Dickey, John Gerkin, Dell Dickey and Wendell Dickey. Serving as honorary casket bearers were Craig MacDonald, Kenny Lynch and Gary Carhill.