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MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA**

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Robert Varnum

Born: February 29, 1916

Died: July 31, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M., on Thursday, August 5, 2004, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Robert Varnum was born on February 29, 1916 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the son of Raymond and Gretchen Fox Varnum. He entered the United States Navy in 1944, serving as a Sea-Bee, building bridges. He was united in marriage with Doris Burnett and later married Kathleen Darter on July 2, 1952. Robert worked at Swifts and Lennox. He spent most of his career driving a Semi for over 40 years. Robert enjoyed his cabin in Canada where he loved to fish, working on cars and gardening. Robert Varnum is survived by: daughter: Bobbi Varnum of Marshalltown; step-daughter: Vaughn Sherman of Marshalltown; step-son: Bill (Joellen) Darter of Tama; step-daughter: Nancy Anstrom of Rantoul, IL, as well as several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents: two step daughters; Carrol Eggers and Betty Klaas, three brothers: Russell Varnum, Raymond Varnum and Lyle Varnum, two sisters : Margaret Draeger and Hazel Burnett.