Herbert Frederick Halbfass died on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at Iles Funeral Homes-Dum's Chapel, with the family greeting friends one hour prior. Burial will be held at 4 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery, Collins, IA.

Herbert was born April 24, 1919, in LaPorte City, IA to Herbert R. and Katherine (Wright) Halbfass. He graduated from LaPorte City High School in 1936. Herbert served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1947 as a hospital corpsman in New Zealand, the New Hebrides and the Island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

On August 24, 1944, he married Coleen Carver in Hernando, MS. After his discharge from the Navy, the couple settled in Des Moines to raise their family. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and spent his working years in retail, most recently with Miller Hardware, where he worked for 25 years.

Herbert was an avid reader and enjoyed watching baseball, hiking in the Colorado Mountains and spending time with his family. He will be remembered by his family for his great sense of humor, big smile, warm heart and his knowledge of just about everything.

Herbert is survived by his wife of 63 years, Coleen; brother, Arno (Dorothy) Halbfass of Gilbertville; their two children, Sharon (John) Schlacht of Creston and Dennis (Jean) Halbfass of Altoona; four grandchildren, Kyle Schlacht of Grinnell, Tara (Matt) Klein of Des Moines, Debbie (Rusty) Dalton of Indianola and John Grimm of Altoona; and five great grandchildren, Addison Klein, Steven Thompson, Jesse Dalton, Rusty Dalton and J.C. Grimm.

Herbert was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert and sister, Merna. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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