Donald L. Hanken

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Died: November 10, 2003

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Donald Lawrence Hanken was born on October 26, 1926 in Oelwein, Iowa, the son of Bernard and Agnes Irene Dilley Hanken. He was raised in Oelwein, graduating from the Sacred Heart School in Oelwein with the class of 1944, and later attended Creighton University for two years. Don entered the United States Army on October 28, 1943, at Jefferson Barricks, Missouri, and was honorably discharged from duty on October 18, 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, as a Private First Class. He continued to serve his country through the National Guard, retiring in 1986 as a Master Sergeant, following thirty-eight years, three months and sixteen days of service. On May 18, 1953, Don was united in marriage to Diana L. Davis at St. Joseph, Missouri. He was employed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad as a communications manager in Marshalltown and St. Charles, Illinois. He retired in 1989, and later moved back to Marshalltown in 1991. Don is survived by his wife of fifty years: Diana Hanken of Marshalltown, his children: Douglas M. (Kim) Hanken and Cynthia I. Hanken, both of Marshalltown; Matthew P. (Nancy) Hanken of Plymouth, Minnesota; Michael Hanken of Clarion; Steven M. (Barb) Reinke of Stillwater, Kansas; his brother: Bill (Genevieve) Hanken of Lakota; sister: Carol (Dave) Ducommun of Woodridge, Illinois; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.