



Harold W. Moore

February 3, 1922 - February 11, 2009

Bloomington, Illinois

Memorial Service: 10:00 O'clock A.M. April 17, 2009 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Harold Wesley Moore was born February 3, 1922, in Cedar, Iowa, to Eldon and Louie Moore. Harold graduated from Cedar High School in 1939. During those years, he played high school basketball and sang duets with classmate Percy Welch. Following graduation from high school, Harold married Rhoda Mae Walker on September 27, 1939, in Lancaster, Missouri. They lived all of their married life in the Cedar area until 2002, when they moved to Bloomington, Illinois, because of Harold's deteriorating health.

For many years Harold farmed and also worked at Mahaska Industries in Oskaloosa. He installed and then sold automatic hog feeding systems. He was an active member in the Cedar United Methodist Church, and held several offices. He could always be counted on for special work detail to maintain the church building and grounds. Harold served on the board of the Fremont Funeral Chapel for over 30 years, and spent many holiday seasons selling Christmas trees on the Y Men's tree lot.

Throughout his adult life he could fix, mend, and redo equipment and furniture which he contributed to his "fix-it" training in school and growing up on the farm. His daughter Twila has two tables that Harold made in manual training class in high school.

Harold and Rhoda enjoyed traveling whenever they had the opportunity. Over the years, they visited all 50 states and most of the National Parks throughout the country. They were partial to Colorado and the West in general, roaming the back roads of Colorado when many of the mountain towns had a real "cowby" flavor. Long before antiquing became popular, Harold and Rhoda saw value in old things and over the years had various collections which they sold when the time seemed right to move them along to someone else.

The last few years have been spent "driving Miss Rhoda" to garage sales, and helping her set up for her own sales. Although he had his share of health problems over his 87 years, he didn't complain, and it was his nature to be optimistic and kind to everyone he met. As many folks who knew him have described him, "His life was well lived." That is one of the greatest compliments we can give to another person. His family and friends treasure the memories of him and are grateful for his generosity, patience, and support in their lives.

Harold is survived by his wife, Rhoda, of Bloomington, Illinois, a son, J. Wesley (Kathy) Moore of Bellevue, Washington, and his daughter Twila A. (Larry) Sears of Bloomington, Illinois, two grandchildren, Chad Sears and Tiffanie Sears Mendiola, and two great-grandsons, Chancellor and Armani, also of Illinois, and a brother, Roy G. (Etta Mae) of Granbury, Texas. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Ada Marie, and a brother, Clifford.