



Harry Leroy Messerschmitt

August 26, 1917 - December 30, 2003

Sigourney, Iowa

Visitation: Open after 10:00 A.M. with the family present between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. January 02, 2004 at Fremont Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Service: 10:30 A.M. January 03, 2004 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: Mt. Zion Cemetery near Martinsburg, Iowa, with full military rites.

Harry Leroy Messerschmitt was born August 26th, 1917 in rural Martinsburg to Harold Henry and Etta Seevers Messerschmitt. His mother passed away early in life and he was raised by his father and step-mother Gleeda Bottger Messerschmitt. After graduating he farmed with his father for a number of years. He was united in marriage to Mary Frances Lynn in Lancaster, Missouri, May 28th, 1936.

In 1944 Mr. Messerschmitt served in the U.S. Army in China Burma India

where he earned three bronze stars. In 1946 he was discharged from the army. During his life he worked at various jobs while continuing to farm the home place. In 1951 he started working at John Deere Ottumwa Works. He retired from there in 1982.

He graduated from Martinsburg High School.

His hobbies included; raising ponies, fishing, reading and attending auctions. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Hedrick American Legion, and the CBI organization.

Harry is survived by two sons; Gary Messerschmitt and his wife Connie of rural Hedrick, Dick and his wife Judy of Fillmore, Indiana. Two daughters; Mary Lou Conger and her husband Jim of Ollie, and Joyce Davis and her husband David of Eagan, Minnesota; eleven grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary Frances in 1995, and a great-grandson; Ryan Conger.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Hedrick American Legion.