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BEECHER, DELMAR R

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Delmar R. Beecher, 90, Pontiac, died at 4:20 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 16, 2011) at the Good Samaritan Home, Flanagan.

His funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Lutheran Church, Pontiac, with the Rev. Dieter Punt officiating. A visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, rural Pontiac, where full military rites will be accorded. Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac, is handling arrangements. Memorials in Delmar's name may be left to First Lutheran Church, Pontiac, or to Good Samaritan Home, Flanagan.

Delmar was born May 20, 1921, in Anchor, a son of John Edward and Maude Hasty Beecher. He married Donna F. Wyant on Dec. 26, 1943, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Anchor.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Beecher, Flanagan; three daughters, Sheila Price, Lexington; and Sherrill (Perry) Wilson and Karen (Kenny) Robinson, both of Pontiac; eight grandchildren, Paula (Denny) Myers, Dawn (Dave) Rehker, Bobbi Jo (Tony Mayer) Price, Nicki (Mike) Grimsley, Carla (Scott) Highland, Trina (Ted) Whittle, Scott (Amy) Robinson and Kevin (Jeanette) Robinson; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; four sisters; one infant great-granddaughter, Aubry Robinson; and one son-in-law, Bob Price.

Mr. Beecher was educated in Colfax. He served our country in the U.S. Army from October 1942 until January 1946 with the 96th Infantry (Deadeye) Division 383rd Regiment during World War II. He was in the initial landings on Leyte P.I. and Okinawa and received the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart while in Okinawa. He retired from General Telephone Co. after 30 years of service and then owned and operated Del's Phone Jack and Wire Service in Pontiac until 2001.

Del was a member of First Lutheran Church, Pontiac, and was a past member of the Moose Lodge and Pontiac Elks Lodge. He had also been an active member of the VFW and the American Legion.

A special thanks to the Good Samaritan staff for the excellent care and kindness that was given to our father during the past four years. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew and loved him.