



## **JOE LINDSEY**

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Joe Lindsey, 97, Mt. Ayr, formerly of Red Oak, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at Clearview Home, Mt. Ayr.

Joe Franklin Lindsey, the son of Archie and Dortha (King) Lindsey, was born Oct. 5, 1919, in Red Oak. Joe was raised in the rural Red Oak area. He attended Walnut and Garfield country schools and Red Oak High School. Following school, Joe immediately began working with his Grandpa Judd in his auto salvage yard. He learned a lot from his grandpa, and it would serve him well in life; it was called, "scrappin'."

Joe married Vera I. Bateman on May 2, 1942, at St. Joseph, Mo. Joe entered the U.S. Army on Oct. 12, 1942, serving during World War II with the 96th Division and 3rd Battalion 381st Infantry in the Philippines and Okinawa. He received the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged on March 19, 1946, after spending nearly a year at O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

Joe returned to Red Oak, and with Vera at his side operated Lindsey Garage and Wrecker Service, where he continued the salvage, scrappin' and u-pull-it parts. In the early 1950s, Joe began stock car racing. The racing bug kept Joe captive. He raced at Playland Speedway until the early 1960s, when a wreck nearly took his life. He never raced again. In the late 1990s, Joe retired but was still prepared to help if someone needed any parts. Joe was a past Red Oak volunteer fire fighter and past member of the American Legion and V.F.W. of Red Oak. Joe moved to Mt. Ayr in May of 2015 to be closer to his daughter.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vera on March 10, 2009; daughter, Jackie on July 1, 2004; granddaughter, Shelley' and great-grandson, Triston.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Judy Cooper and husband Jerry of Tingley; two grandchildren, Jeff

Cooper and wife Julie of Grand Junction and Julie Ackley and husband Jason of Tingley; great-granddaughter, Hanna Ackley; and other relatives and friends.

May God bless his memory and give strength to those who mourn.

Funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home, Red Oak.

Burial with military rites was in Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak. Rev. Ronald Bupp officiated.

The family requests memorials to Hospice of Central Iowa in lieu of flowers. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [sldfuneralhome.com](http://sldfuneralhome.com).

Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.