



Stewart, James

Bettendorf, IA

321st Engineer Combat Batt

BETTENDORF - James E. Stewart, 87, a resident of Bettendorf, died Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at the Clarissa Cook Hospice House, in

Bettendorf.

His funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, September 18, 2009, at Asbury United Methodist Church, of Bettendorf, where he was an active and faithful member. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Private family graveside services will be at Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church or the Clarissa Cook Hospice House. McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, of Bettendorf, is assisting the family with arrangements.

He was born January 18, 1922, in Boone, Iowa, the son of George & Calista Stewart. August 14, 1942, he was united in marriage to Thelma Hohimer in St. Louis, Mo.

Jim graduated from high school in Packwood, Iowa, and served for 18 months in the South Pacific with the U.S. Army Combat Engineers. During his military service, he participated in the Invasion of Leyte and the occupation of Okinawa.

Following his honorable discharge, he graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Jim retired in 1984, after nearly 37 years with the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Company. He was named Assistant Gas Department Manager in 1954 and was promoted to Iowa City District Manager later that same year. In 1966, he was named Executive Analyst and was promoted to Director of the Communications and Control Staff in 1969. Jim was named Director of Purchases and Stores in 1973.

He was a member of the Bettendorf Rotary Club for over 50 years and was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

Jim & Thelma spent many enjoyable and warm winters in Arizona after retirement. During his life, Jim was an avid sports fan of a variety of teams and sports.

Those left to honor his memory include his beloved wife, Thelma; his daughters, Martha (Rob) Bower, in Rhode Island, and Mary (Mike) Dolan, in New Jersey; his grandsons, Matt Bower, Seth Bower and Trevor Dolan, all on the east coast.

His parents, his brothers, Harold Stewart and Frank Stewart, who was killed in action during World War II and is buried in France, preceded Jim in death.