



Clarence "Sam" Eckerman

April 18, 1921 - April 30, 2015

Clarence L. (Sam) Eckerman was called to heaven on April 30, 2015.

Sam was born to C. Ray and Agnes Eckerman on April 18, 1921, in What Cheer IA.

He grew up in Chariton, IA where he met the love of his life, Grace Smith. After graduating from Chariton High School, Sam joined the Army. He served during World War II with the 601st Ordnance Battalion stationed in France and North Africa.

After the war, Sam returned to Chariton where he and Grace were married on February 10, 1946. He attended watchmaker school in Denver, CO and owned a jewelry store in Leon, IA. In 1962, Sam and Grace moved to Des Moines where Sam worked the rest of his career as a Dental Lab Technician.

Sam enjoyed his family, carving duck decoys and building ships in bottles. He loved spending time with his grandson, Dan, and sharing in his activities.

Sam is survived by his daughter Holly Novelli (Mike), grandson Dan Novelli (Jessica), and three great grandchildren Sophia, Vivian and Maddox.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers and one sister.

A Celebration of Life will be 5:00 PM Friday, May 8, 2014 at Merle Hay Funeral Home, 4400 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA. Friends may greet family for one hour prior to the services.

Sam's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Calvin Community for the care and love they showed Sam during his years there. They are truly family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sam's memory to Calvin Community Good Samaritan Fund, 4210 Hickman Road, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Merle Hay Funeral Home
4400 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA

Celebration of Life

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Merle Hay Funeral Home
4400 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry to hear that Grandpa is gone. I will miss him dearly.
Love his oldest granddaughter Jeannetta Eckerman (Berry)

Jeannetta Berry - May 06, 2015 at 03:07 PM



“ Holly, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember that you were so close. My prayers are with you. Pat Parker

Pat Parker - May 06, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ I had the wonderful pleasure of working with Sam and Dr. Hall's office he was a joy to know. Jan Seuferer

Jan Seuferer - May 06, 2015 at 08:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence "Sam" Eckerman.



May 05, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ Murray & Mary Thole sent a virtual gift in memory of Clarence "Sam" Eckerman



Murray & Mary Thole - May 02, 2015 at 07:12 AM

MT

Holly, we are very Sorry for the loss of your Dad! He is in a Perfect place now with your mom! We send our deepest Sympathy to you Holly and to your family. God Bless you & yours! Love & Prayers always, Murray & Mary Thole ?

Murray & Mary Thole - May 02, 2015 at 07:24 AM

JB

Dearest Holly and Family. We are so very sorry for the loss of your sweet Daddy..Even when one expects it, the loss of a parent is a loss of your history..your love for him.. his hugs..I know he was always anxious to join your Mother and I do believe they are celebrating today d.. Know that we love you and Mike and Dan & Jessie and our hugs surround you.You have our deepest sympathy.. all our love,. Judy and Gene

Judy Ballinger - May 07, 2015 at 07:54 AM