Remembrance

CHARLES H WOOSTER, JR. 89 December 22, 1930 – October 25, 2020

MANILLA - Charles H Wooster, Jr., son of Charles Henry and Anna Elizabeth (Fossel) Wooster, was born December 22, 1930, at their farm home in Shelby County near Irwin, IA. He attended school at Jefferson Number 7 and graduated from the Irwin High School in 1948.



Charles entered the United States Army on February 25, 1952, and proudly served his country until he received his Honorable Discharge on February 6, 1954. Other than the years he was in the service, Charles farmed from his teen years until he was in his eighties, and his cows were the last to go.

On April 17, 1957, Charles was united in marriage with Joanne Frances Jensen at the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan, IA. Four children were born to this union: Bonnie, Jon, Paul, and David.

Charles was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Manning, IA, and served many years as a deacon. He was a member of the Austin Earl Hiatt Post #614 of the American Legion until it disbanded in 2008. He was also a member of the Gideons for several years and enjoyed giving out Bibles through that organization. Charles enjoyed fishing, traveling, and horses; but, above all, he loved his family, his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and his Country.

Charles H Wooster, Jr. died at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, on October 25, 2020, at the age of 89 years, 10 months, and 3 days.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard Wooster; two sisters-in-law, Vivian Wooster and Loretta Jensen; and two brothers-in-law, Clyde Thomson and Kenyon Bell. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 63 years, Joanne Wooster of rural Manilla, IA; four children, Bonnie (Dale) Summers of Runnells, IA, Jon (Jan) Wooster of Irwin, Paul (Teresa) Wooster of rural Manilla, and David (Ann) Wooster of rural Harlan; 11 grandchildren, Bradley Summers of Runnells, Dillon (Cynthia) Summers of Harlan, Ben (Katie) Wooster of rural Manilla, Joshua (Audriana) Wooster of Smithville, MO, Mackenzie Wooster of Jefferson City, MO, Jen (Scott) Hastings of Iowa City, IA, Katy Wooster of rural Manilla, Justin (Haley) Wooster of Harlan, Brandi Wooster of Sioux City, IA, Mollie (Jackson) Young of Watertown, S. D., and Makala Wooster of Sioux City; four greatgrandchildren; one sister, Betty Thomson of Manilla; two sistersin-law, Ramona Bell of Ames, IA, and Judy (Jim) Brace of Irwin; one brother-in-law, V. Richard Jensen of St. Paul, MN; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at Calvary Baptist Church in Manning, with Pastor Darrel Mohler officiating. Sara Stracke and Phil Stracke served as musicians. Honorary casket bearers were Scott Hastings, Chris Nelson, David Mastbergen, and Jackson Young. Active casket bearers were Ben Wooster, Justin Wooster, Josh Wooster, Brad Summers, Dillon Summers, and Jordan Schechinger. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin, with military rites conducted by Helmer Reyelt American Legion Post #150 and Shelby County VFW Post #941.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Manning. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan, was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen. com.

