



Ray A. Benefiel

April 29, 1922 - July 8, 2015

Ray A. Benefiel, 93 of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away Wednesday evening, July 8, 2015, with his grandson and family by his side. He was born with his twin brother, Roy, on April 29, 1922 in Yukon, Missouri to Edward George and Edith Mae (Matlock) Benefiel. Shortly after Ray was born, his father passed away. His mother later married his step-father, Arthur D. Dixon, whom Ray was very close.

Ray grew up and attended the public schools in Missouri. Shortly after he finished his education, he enlisted with the United States Army. He served our country faithfully and was Honorably Discharged in February of 1944. When he returned home after his service to our country in the U.S. Army, Ray began a career with John Deere. He retired with 39 years of service at John Deere in 1983.

In 1945, Ray married the love of his life, Stella Bache. They celebrated over 50 years of marriage together.

Ray's family remembers him as a very smart, loyal and trustworthy man. His hobbies include reading, woodworking and model airplanes. He was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Church, Waterloo, Iowa. Ray was an active member of Disabled American Veteran's since 1978.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father; his wife; his brother, James Benefiel; and his sisters, Ruthann Morgan and Goldie Morgan.

Ray is survived by his daughters, Beverly Reicherts, Joann Nelson, and MaryAnn Reisinger; his twin brother, Roy Benefiel; his grandsons, Richard

Pettit, Gary Pettit, Ronald Nelson, Larry Reisinger and Chad Reisinger; his granddaughter, Diane Baldwin; his great grandchildren, Willis Pettit, Nicholas Petti, Jamie Cruz, Adam Pettit, Brett Baldwin, and Timothy Baldwin; 12 great great grandchildren; numerous other family members and friends.

A celebration of Ray's life is planned for a future date back home in Iowa.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray A. Benefiel*

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