



Virgil Arthur

June 28, 1916 - April 3, 2015

Virgil John Arthur, 98, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away on April 3, 2015. He was born in Center Grove Township, Dickinson County, to the late Jack and Sadie Arthur. Virgil graduated from Spirit Lake High School. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Virgil enjoyed many activities including golfing, bowling, fishing and hunting. In addition Virgil fulfilled his pastime training trial dogs, judging dog trials and playing cards. He had a great passion for animals and especially valued time with his family.

1SG Virgil Arthur served the United States Army in the Asiatic Pacific Theater from May 1943-November 1945. Virgil saw combat in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon. He was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal.

Virgil was a hard working and devoted employee. He owned a hatchery in Little Rock, IA, worked for Cook's Hatchery and retired from McQuay's in Spirit Lake, in 1981. Virgil also served as a Mason in Spirit Lake.

Virgil was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Della Arthur; grandson, Trent Peck; and his two siblings, Claudia (Sis) Sullivan and Bill Arthur. Virgil is survived by his three daughters, Susan Honley and husband, Ed of Sioux Falls, SD, Sally Hoffman and husband, Bob of Sun City Center, FL, and

Shelley Namtvedt and husband, Mark of Victoria, MN. He is also survived by his 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren: Tracy and Steve Neuman, Kalia, Trent, and Kai Gefroh of Ft. Collins, CO; Christine and Randy Saunders, Derek and Kaitlyn of Littleton, CO; Andrea and Jay Wange, Mackenzie and Teegan of Sioux Falls, SD; Macy Mucciacciaro and husband Geno, Cruz and Milan of Chaska, MN; Tyler Namtvedt of Coon Rapids, MN; Charity Walls, Bryce and Dylan of Chaska, MN; and Bailey Namtvedt of Hopkins, MN. Virgil is survived by his 2 nephews: Denny Arthur and Michael Arthur of Urbandale, IA; and niece Glennys Ventura of Hemet, CA.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00P.M. Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Virgil Arthur*

Chad Schuchert - May 15, 2015 at 12:45 PM

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“ *May you have all the loving memories to get your through this time. My prayers are for all of the family and I hope you find peace that he and Della are together again.*

Barb (Belken) Haagenson - April 08, 2015 at 05:13 PM

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“ *I watched Virgil train dogs in the 1950's in Little Rock and enjoyed watching him do so as much as he did. My condolences go out to his three daughters. He will be missed.*

Wally Boekhout - April 08, 2015 at 07:16 AM

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“ *Many hrs. spent with Virg & his family. More good memories than this space will allow. He & Della are together again.*

BOOTS - April 07, 2015 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Virgil used to work with my mom and Aunt Betty at Cooks Hatchery. When I was little, (50 years ago) Virgil whistled his way right into my heart ! It was my honor and pleasure to know him and see that he recognized me even after fifty years ! Amazing man. He sat and visited with Aunt Betty (Voss) when they resided across the hall at HillTop temporarily. He told me Spirit Lake Indian Football stories from when he got to be on Spirit Lake's first team ever! I have never heard anyone whistle like Virgil at any time in my life. Still gives me chills. Until we meet again...*

Cyndi Hawn - April 05, 2015 at 05:31 PM