

OBITUARY

Richard B. Lang, 85

Richard Bernard Lang, 85, of Ames died January 9, 2004 at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, IA. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery in Nevada, IA.

Richard (Dick) Lang was born December 21, 1918 in Haverhill, the fifth of fifteen children born to Sylvester and Anna (Oetker) Lang.



He was a 1936 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Marshalltown.

He worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Marshalltown until his enlistment in the Army Air Corps in 1940. Dick married Margaret Carmody on September 17, 1941. He was serving in the Philippine Islands as an airplane mechanic when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He fought guerilla warfare and was listed as "missing in action" for nearly three years on the Island of Mindanao. After his return, he and Margaret farmed in Zearing, IA and raised a family of seven children. Retiring after thirty years of farming, he then worked for several years at the National Animal Disease Center.

His survivors are his wife, Margaret of Ames, IA; daughter, Judy (Howard) Reischauer of Zearing, IA; sons, Michael

(Tammy) Lang of Boone, IA; Patrick (Hue) Lang of San Diego; Louis of Nevada, IA; John (Pam) Lang of Lakeville, MN; seventeen grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; sisters, Adeline Lang of Rochester, MN, Mary Alice Bates of Spencer, IA, Sister Joan Lang of Chicago, IL; brothers, Urban Lang of Marshalltown, Andrew Lang of Des Moines, Edward Lang of Britt, IA, David Lang of Ballwin, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughters, Marcia (Butch) Cox and infant, Mary Catherine; sister, Bernadetta, Berniece Webb, Sister Mary Avellino, Claretta Turner; brothers, Clarence, George and Harold Lang.

Dick was an active member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, Zachary Kucin Council 2230; American Legion Post 37, Ames; Past Post Commander American Legion in Zearing, IA; American Guerillas of Mindanao. He will be remembered as a faithful man to his Lord, his family, his community and especially to his country, which he dearly loved and fought to defend.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2004 from 4:00-8:00 P.M. with a rosary at 4:00 P.M. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 37 building fund of St. Cecilia Church building fund.

Stevens Memorial Chapel in Ames assisted with arrangements.