Obituary

Robert Lee Briggs, son of Clyde and Norma (Beck) Briggs, was born on June 8, 1931, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away on May 22, 2003, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Robert grew up in Shenandoah. He served in the United States Army for 21 years from 1948 to 1969, retiring as a Sergeant E7. He served a tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He also served in various locations around the world, including Japan, Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, Okinawa, Paris and Germany. Bob was united in marriage to Connie Rennack on April 22, 1959, at Augsburg, Germany. They made their home living in many locations throughout the the United States. In 1970 he moved his family back to Shenandoah to live where he enjoyed the community, friends, family, hunting and fishing. Throughout his military career he was a communication specialist and drill sergeant. After his retirement from the Army he was a gunsmith and electrician. After moving back to Shenandoah, he worked for several electrical contractors, retiring from O'Neal Electric of Red Oak, Iowa in 1989. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Betty Jo and his wife Connie Kay Briggs. He is survived by his children, Michael Briggs and his wife Sally of Coralville, Iowa; daughter Barbara Briggs and her husband Clark Knori of Gresham, Oregon; brother, Wayne Briggs and his wife Betty; five grandchildren, Ashley, Jennifer, Felisha, Casey and Carl; nephew, Michael Wayne Briggs and his wife Vicky of Shenandoah; niece, Vicki LePorte and her husband Michael of Elwood, Nebraska; other relatives and friends.

Bob was a man who believed in taking care of his family and defending the freedoms of America.