## Join E. Leacox

John Edward Leacox, son to Glenn F. and Neta Brammer Leacox, was born in Shenandoah, Iowa on August 28, 1925, and passed away in Shenandoah on September 24, 1999. He was 74 years of age.

John lived all his life in Shenandoah and was a member of the class of 1944 at Shenandoah High School. He served in World War II in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. He was united in marriage to Betty McCrea on June 15, 1946, at the home of John's parents. After their marriage they made their home in Shenandoah. John was a paint contractor until 1951 when he joined his father-in-law at Shenandoah Monument Company where he worked until purchasing the business in 1962.

In 1982 John and Betty sold the monument business and started Leacox Cemetery Lettering until 1997. John was an active member of the Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Department from 1949-1984, was a member of the Methodist Church, Shenandoah B.P.O.E. Elks, V.F.W. and the Shenandoah American Legion. John was an avid music fan and played the drums and entertained many people in Southwest Iowa. John had the gift of woodworking and enjoyed hours of furniture restoration in his retirement years. He also enjoyed attending auto races in the area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother William Brammer Leacox. Survivors include his wife Betty of Shenandoah, three children and families, William R. Leacox and wife Susan; children, Rachel and Ryan of Stockton, CA., James G. Leacox and wife Karin; children John and Marc of Olathe, KA., one daughter, Betty Jane Casteel and husband Chris; children, Christin and Marcia of Atlantic, IA.; along with other relatives and a host of friends.

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