

*In  
Loving Memory*

**Ray D. Cleaveland**

*Born*  
March 31, 1923  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Entered into Rest*  
August 26, 2001  
Essex, Iowa

*Age*  
78 years, 4 month, 26 days

*Graveside Services from*  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa  
Friday, August 31, 2001  
Eleven O'clock

*Words of Comfort*  
Rev. Paddy Stanley

*Military rites conducted by*  
United States Marine Corps  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Obituary**

Ray De Loss Cleaveland, son of Ira Stephen (Mose) and Ruthe Ellen Inghram Cleaveland, was born on March 31, 1923, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away at his home in Essex, Iowa, on August 26, 2001. He was 78 years of age. Ray graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1940. He was a member of the 1939 football team which traveled to Miami, Florida, and also received the coveted Sportsmanship Trophy at that time. He worked at the Radio Station KMA transmitter and also Poetker Electric. In 1942 he moved with his family to Mead, Nebraska, where he was involved in the building of the Mead Defense Plant along with his father and brother, Loran. On October 9, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps which became his career for over 30 years. He served with the Marine Corps in China and the South Pacific during World War II, in Korea during that campaign and also Vietnam. He was an aviation electronics technician having received his training at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. He retired from the Corps on August 31, 1973, as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. His campaign ribbons and medals included National Expedition Campaign, Asian Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars, China Service Medal, Asiatic Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal, National Defense Medal with one Star, Korean Service with four stars, United Nations Service Medal, Korea Presidential Unit Medal, Phillipine Liberation Ribbon, Phillipine Unit Campaign, and the Good Conduct Medal with nine stars. He was a charter member of the Albert I. Black American Veterans of World War II, Post No. 88 American Legion, The Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Marine Corps Association. After his retirement he returned to Shenandoah where he was employed at Hamm's Appliance and Alco. He had lived in Essex for the past twenty-five years until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Eileene Cook, and brother Loran Cleaveland. He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Robert Ginger of Shenandoah, a brother-in-law Dale Cook of Essex, several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

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