

## A Life Well Lived

Cecille E. Wax, 94, of Shenandoah died January 22, 2011 at Red Oak Rehabilitation Center. Cecille Elmer Wax, the son of Henry and Nora (Wooden) Wax, was born September 2, 1916 in rural Imogene, Iowa. Cecille graduated from Coburg High School in 1934. During World War II, Cecille served three years in the U.S. Army with the 818<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion in Europe and was awarded the Bronze Star and other citations for his service. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1945. On December 20, 1945, he was united in marriage to Hazel Margaret Nicholas in Hiawatha, Kansas. The couple farmed in the Emerson, Iowa area until the 1970s, then moved to Emerson. He worked for the Iowa Highway Commission and later for the Shenandoah City Water Department, retiring from full-time work in the 1980s. He continued to work part-time for Emerson Farm Supply until finally retiring at age 80 to spend more time with his wife and to raise tomatoes, potatoes, and rhubarb. He was active in his church and American Legion posts in Emerson and Shenandoah. For more than 30 years, he and Hazel enjoyed attending annual summer reunions of the 818<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyers, a group of 600 men and officers who participated in five major World War II battles, including the Battle of the Bulge.

Cecille was preceded in death by Hazel, who died in 2002 after more than 56 years of marriage; his parents; 3 brothers, Arthur, Glen, and Ora; and four sisters, Myrtle, Cara, Hazel, and Lucille. He is survived by a son, Bill Wax, and wife Denise of Omaha, NE; and a daughter, Marilyn Jensen and husband David of Farnhamville, IA; 7 grandchildren, Vallory Darting and husband Daniel, of Littleton, CO; Tami Canaday and husband Ryan of Denver, CO; Chelsea Wax of Omaha; John Honeyman of Gilmore City, IA; Leah Rosado and husband Luis of Pomeroy, IA, Rachel Honeyman of Ames, IA, and Christopher Jensen of Cedar Falls, IA; 5 great-grandchildren; Christian and Grace Rosado, Theoden and Willow Honeyman, and Selah Canaday; sisters-in-law Verilee Nicholas of Essex, IA, and Mary Wax of Wayne, NE; aunt Madalene Perkins of Tabor IA; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Shenandoah United Methodist Church.

## CECILLE WAX

### Born

September 2, 1916  
Rural Imogene, Iowa

### Entered Into Rest

January 22, 2011  
Red Oak, Iowa

### Age

94 years 4 months 20 days

### Services Held At

Shenandoah United Methodist Church  
10:30 A.M. Saturday, January 29, 2011

### Words of Comfort

Pastor Al Moore

### Pallbearers

Daniel Darting	Joe Nicholas	Luis Rosado
John Honeyman	Richard Perkins	Russell Wax

### Honorary Pallbearers

Alan Armstrong	Curtis Crook	Christopher Jensen
Raymond Berlin	Randy Gray	Veryl Magneson
Ryan Canaday	Jerry Head	Donald Peterson

### Floral Committee

Pat Perkins Lotus Foster

### Music

Terry Stafford, Organist Sue Jones, Vocalist

### Music Selections

“One Day at a Time” “In the Garden”  
“When We All Get to Heaven” “On Eagles Wings”  
“God Bless America” “Sentimental Journey”

### Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery Shenandoah, Iowa

### Recollections

Cecille saw many changes during his rich, full lifetime and had lots of stories, including, at age 5 or 6, riding horseback with his brother, Ora, to the Climax, Iowa, general store to refill the family vinegar jug for his mother, who was making pickles. The 2 ¼-mile ride was disrupted when a rattlesnake spooked their horse off the road. His World War II service was the source of many recollections, including the image of hundreds of bodies of young American and German soldiers in the snow during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. An oft-repeated saying of his was, “Freedom is not free.”

*The family invites you to a luncheon in the basement in fellowship hall of the church following the services at the cemetery.*

## Psalm 23

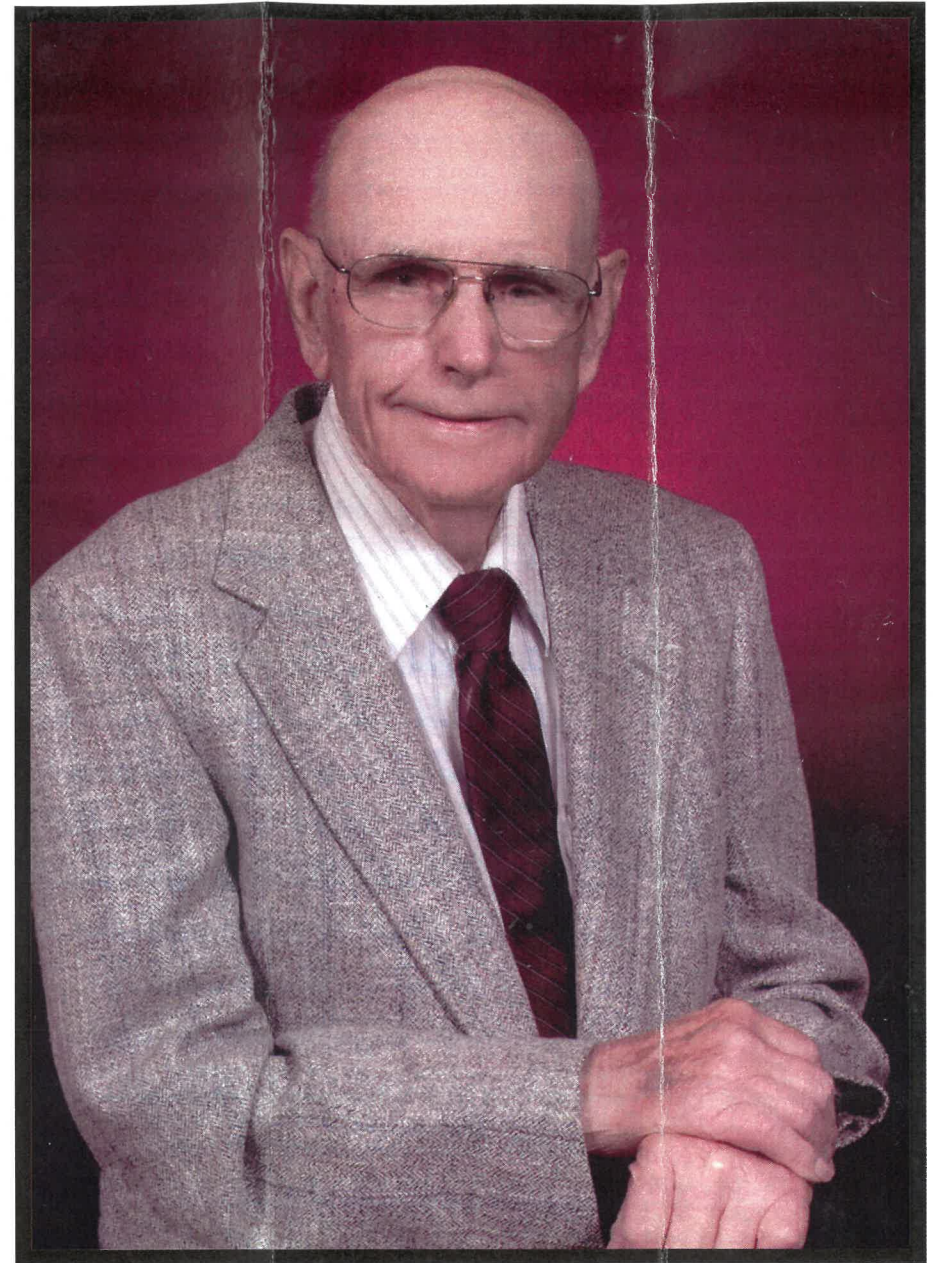
The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord for ever.

The family wishes to thank the church and all the friends and relation in attendance today, as well as those who could not be here. Each of you has been a special part of Cecille's life. He never lost his sense of humor, and, like his spirit and his life, his passing was peaceful and gentle, confident he would soon meet his Lord. He left us quietly, much as the old song described.

*Old soldiers never die....  
They just fade away.*

### Arrangements By

Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel Red Oak, Iowa  
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**Celebrating The Life Of  
Cecille Wax  
1916-2011**