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Orville E. Birkner, 95, of Clinton, passed away, August 4, 2017 at Wesley Ridge Retirement Community in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Memorial Services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 12, 2017 at First United Presbyterian Church, Clinton, preceded by visitation from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery with military honors being conducted by the Clinton AMVETS Post #28, and a Rose Croix graveside rite. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Orville Edward Birkner was born on April 4, 1922 in Pinckneyville, Illinois, the son of Edward and Charlotte (Loos) Birkner. He attended Southern Illinois University. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army 612 Combat Engineers from February 17, 1943 to November 8, 1945 and served in combat in the European Theatre of Operations.

Orville married Jane Kirk on June 30, 1950 in Clinton; she preceded him in death on April 20, 1985. He later married Ruth Matias Janis on November 2, 1991; she preceded him in death on July 28, 2005.

Orville was an electrician at DuPont from 1948-1985. He was a life member of the American Legion 190, the VFW, and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Loyal Order of the Moose, Clinton AMVETS, and the Boy Scouts of America where he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of Western Star Lodge #100 and Clinton Scottish Rite Bodies. He was also a member of the Kaaba Shrine in Davenport.

Orville is survived by his son: Rev. John E. Birkner (wife Rev. Dr. Joy Schroeder) of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers: Harry Birkner (wife Marilyn) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Carl Birkner from Springfield, Illinois; one sister: Opal Long of St. Louis, Missouri; two sisters in law: Belva Birkner and Ann Birkner of Pinckneyville, Illinois; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and close friend Roberta Gee.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jane and wife Ruth, his parents, four brothers: Richard, Clyde, Russell, and Clarence Birkner; and three sisters: Ina Birkner, Wilma Birkner, and Verna Boucher; and his dear companion Bonnie Hall.
Memorials can be made to First United Presbyterian Church, 400 5th Ave. South, Clinton, Iowa 42732.

Events

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Visitation

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9:30 AM - 10:15 AM CT

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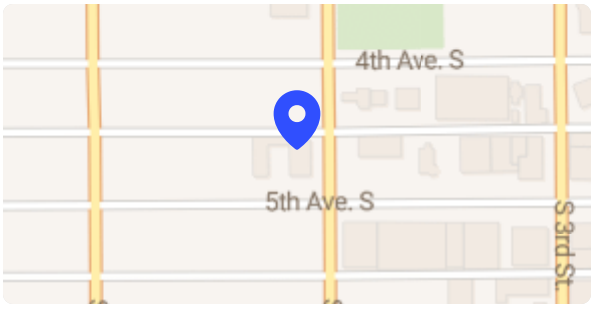
400 5th Avenue South, Clinton IA



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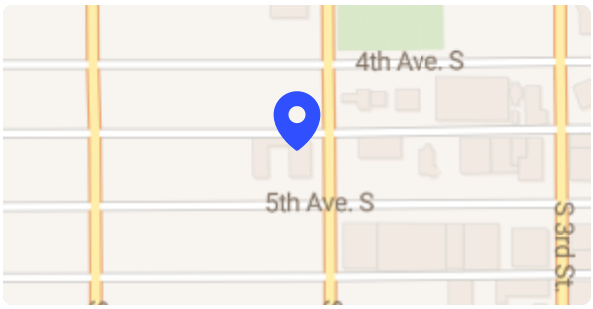

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RT

Rev. Rich Thomas posted:

It was my pleasure to get to know Orville while he was a resident at Wesley Ridge. He will be missed by his friends he made here while he lived among us. My deepest regards and sympathy goes to his family. The love and devotion they shared with Orville while at Wesley Ridge was amazing.Chaplain Rich Thomas

August 9 at 6:03 AM

RO

Rhonda St Onge posted:

I feel so blessed to have been given the opportunity to get to know Orville. He radiated a gentle spirit and always offered kindness. He was blessed to have such devotion in his family, caring for his needs in the way that he wished. We at Wesley Ridge are honored to share in such a small segment of his long and wonderful life.Rhonda St. Onge

August 9 at 3:23 AM

Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Orville by contributing to a collection of shared memories.

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