



Oscar Brown

December 12, 1908 - February 2, 2015

Oscar Mathis Brown, 106, of Mason City, passed away Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was born December 12, 1908 the son of Newton and Elizabeth Brown. He married Lois E. Malan on April 7, 1933 she preceded him in death on December 7, 2002.

Oscar is survived by one son; David of Elgin, IL, two granddaughters; Cindy (Tim) Blazier of IL and Cherie (Dennis) Markway of IA and four great grandchildren; Zoe, Seth, Ximen and Saskia. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lois, daughter- in- law Judy Brown, and brother and sister- in- law Lowell and Margaret Brown.

Oscar graduated from the 8th grade in Wayne, NE and Greenville High School, IL. He attended Greenville College and taught for five years in country schools near Greenville. He and Lois farmed near Gibson City, IL until 1940. They moved to Mason City where Oscar was a dealer for the Gambles Hardware Chain and enjoyed the many years he served his customers. He retired in 1978. In retirement he enjoyed woodworking, repairing bicycles and lawn mowers and reupholstering chairs he had sold to customers. During WWII Oscar was a corpsman in the Navy. He was a member of the First Christian Church, American Legion, life member of the ODD Fellows, and past member of the Optimist Club.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Nash Shawgo will officiate. Private family burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery. Military honors will take place at Hurley Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mason City Area Nursing Home, First Christian Church, or the American Legion. Online memorial messages can be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City

603 East Chestnut

Mason City, IL 62664

(217) 482-5959

<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Oscar Brown

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I previously worked at MCANH for many years (night shift). I spent a lot of time visiting with Oscar. He really didn't sleep well at night. He told me many stories of his Military days and life in general. He always made me laugh. He would ask me where I live... When I answered Havana, he would call me a river rat and laugh. He told me about his times boating in Havana and how much he enjoyed it. It was truly a pleasure to take care of him. I'm sorry for your loss.

Charity Smith - February 06, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ Of all the people that I have known in my life, none stands out more vividly than Oscar Brown - Uncle Oscar to me. Oscar was humble, honorable and was the essence of the American spirit. He was always smiling and pleasant, was optimistic, and was always willing to contribute whatever help and support was needed. He was truly one of God's noble creations.

Sam Smart, Nephew
Naples, FL

Sam Smart, Nephew - February 04, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ David & Family, Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your father. He was a joy to know and a great story teller. We were lucky to know him as a business man and a friend.
Ken & Mary Ann Andrews

Kenneth & Mary Ann Andrews - February 03, 2015 at 05:14 PM