



Richard Betts

January 19, 1930 - June 30, 2025

Richard Allan Betts, 95, died on Monday, June 30, 2025, at UnityPoint Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

He was born on January 19, 1930, in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Fred and Ethel (Strong) Betts. He served in the Army from 1948 to 1954. During his military service, he earned his education from the Army Service School and Eucom Engineer School, where he learned to be a power shovel operator. He also owned and operated a wood shop where he did picture framing and furniture refinishing.

On September 2, 1950, he was united in marriage to Annie Muller in Cedar Falls. She preceded him in death on September 19, 2009.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Doris (Ralph) Phelps of Coon Rapids, Denise (Randy) Rettleff of Ames; brother, Jerry Betts of Everett, WA; sister, Ardith Atkinson of Salem, OR; daughter-in-law, Marilyn (Mason) Betts of Cedar Falls; grandchildren, Bryce (Cassandra) Pieper, Nicole Pieper, Jennifer Menard, Jessalyn Ocker, and Bobbie Jo, Samantha, Matthew and Kristina Weekley; great-grandchildren, Virginia, Carson, and Lily'Ahnna.

He was preceded in death by his wife; son, David Betts; daughter, Deborah; and siblings, Ruby, Millie, Keith, Mary Lou and Ethel.

Inurnment at Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens will be at a later date.