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Leno Maddalozzo, 91, passed away at his home on Sunday, February 6, 2011. Leno was born at home in Seymour, Iowa, on July 25, 1919. He was the seventh of nine children born to Joseph and Maria (Bettin) Maddalozzo. He graduated from Seymour High School in 1939. After graduation, he worked on his sister's farm and began working at the Sunshine Coal Mine for a short time. He entered the United States Army on March 28, 1941, a few months before entry into World War II. He served with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 133rd Infantry, in the 34th "Red Bull" Division. After receiving training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, his unit was sent for further training in England and Ireland before taking part in the invasion of North Africa on December 28, 1942. His favorite story of his North Africa experience was telling how he visited with General Eisenhower while on guard duty, not knowing who he was talking to as the general came up to him wearing only army pants and a t-shirt. From North Africa he took part in the Anzio Beachhead Invasion in Italy and fought northward up the country to Rome. While on patrol north of Rome near Pisa, he was seriously wounded on July 23, 1944. He earned 2 Bronze Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, the American Defense Ribbon, the European-African Campaign Ribbon and the Purple Heart. He was very proud of his military service, serving 2 years 7 months and 7 days overseas. He was an energetic and active member of the Seymour American Legion. On October 28, 1944, while still recovering from war injuries, he married Viola Everman. They were married for 63 years. Leno spent his whole life, except for his war years, in Seymour, Iowa. He drove a school bus for Seymour Community Schools for 34 years until his retirement. He also worked at Morrow Meat Market and Slaughter House for 25 years, and spent many years roofing and painting houses and doing other handyman work. Leno was preceded in death by his wife Viola, his parents, all of his brothers and sisters; Bruno, Aldo, Americo, John, Leo, Lena Smaniotto, Mary Cimbalo, and Rena Bussetto. Leno is



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survived by his son David and wife Ruth of Seymour and daughter Mary Ann and husband Dale Bear of Lee's Summit, MO. Grandchildren are Brian Bear and wife Autumn of Blue Springs, MO, Andrew Bear of Pekin, IL, Marissa (Bear) Michel and husband Gary of Jefferson City, MO, Katie (Maddalozzo) Bill and husband Mike of Eminence, MO, Michael Maddalozzo and wife Cassie of Macomb, IL, Marcy (Thomas) Rohman and husband Chad of Elmhurst, IL, and 11 great grandchildren. Sisters-in-law include Geneva Maddalozzo of Niles, IL, LuEtta Sager of Davenport, IA, Betty Everman of Burlington, IA, Fran Stinson of Wichita, KS, and numerous nieces and nephews. His best times in life revolved around spending time with his wife, kids, and grandkids, and mowing his lawn or going fishing. One very special trip was for Leno and Vi's 60th anniversary in 2004 when they traveled to Washington D.C. to see The World War II Memorial. He is now on his final journey up the Chariton River in search of the elusive channel cat. Book Travel to Services To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Leno Maddalozzo Obituary please visit our Sympathy Store.



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I will always remember him paying me in quarters for things like filling the birdbath, making his bed, or washing the dishes because there was no dishwasher. All us younger kids were a little afraid of him! He was proud of his country and knew what it meant to be an American.

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