



# Joe Smith

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**J**oe Smith, age 94 of Unionville, Iowa passed away Thursday, January 01, 2015 at the Oakwood Nursing and Rehab Center in Albia, Iowa.

He was born April 30, 1920 in Davis County, Iowa to Lester ""Pete"" and Charlotte Ruth (McGraw) Smith. Joe married Dorothy Lockman on September 4, 1948. Joe enlisted in the United States Army on April 30, 1942. He served his country faithfully during World War II in the Southern France Campaign; Rhineland Campaign. His bravery earned him numerous military honors, including the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with two bronze campaign stars, as well as the ribbon of occupation. Joe was honorably discharged from the Army on October 20, 1945 at Fort Custer, Michigan.

Joe spent much of his adult life working the family farm north of Unionville, Iowa. At one point in time, Joe was farming nearly 2,200 acres of land, which included row crop, haying, as well as raising cattle and sheep.

Joe had several hobbies when time allowed him the opportunity. He enjoyed many outdoor activities, including hunting, trapping, fishing and gardening. He also loved going to sale barns throughout Iowa and Northern Missouri. Joe never missed an opportunity to bid against others. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed many friendships with countless people throughout his life. Joe never met a stranger.

Furthermore, he was always there to lend a hand to others in need. Joe spent twelve years transporting the Amish to many locations.

He was a long standing member of the Unionville American Legion.

Joe is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dorothy Smith of Unionville, Iowa; four children, Beverly Babbitt of Unionville, Iowa, Sandra Snow of Unionville, Iowa, Larry Smith of Unionville, Iowa and Billy Joe (Crystal) Smith of Centerville, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Micki, Shane, Joey, Jason, Travis, Traci, Darrick and Jamie; two step-



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grandchildren, Shane and Brandy; twenty three great grandchildren; and five great, great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Leona Shuck; and a son-in-law, Robert Babbitt.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Lange Funeral Home in Moravia with Reverend Lloyd Johnston officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Taylor Cemetery, east of Unionville, Iowa. A visitation will begin on Tuesday at the funeral home in Moravia from 10 AM until service time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made out to the Taylor Cemetery and given to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

January 06, 2015 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Lange Funeral Home 103 North Johns St. Moravia, IA (641) 724-3413

### Funeral Service

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 2:48 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:50 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joe was always good to everyone. He knew no stranger and accepted me as part of his family. My name is a Don Hedgecock and I am married to Jamie which is his granddaughter a daughter to Beverly Babbitt ( His Daughter). Joe loved hunting and trapping and passed this on to many of his family members. Jamie tells the story of Joe taking her with him also, so even the girls had a chance with Joe to learn. Joe served during WWII and was a decorated Veteran. This should be recognized and his passing should be honored as such. During two presidential elections ago Joe said that he couldn't believe our country had come to the point of electing someone that wasn't even verified to be an American and called him Obomber instead of Obama. I found this funny but he was pretty close then and now more than ever. For Most of us that have served understand the importance of having someone in that office that can relate to what our men and women in service go through. It should be required also. Joe always seamed to have an opinion on the things that mattered most to him and his family and country always was at the forefront to all of our conversations. He will be missed but never forgotten by all that had the privilege and honor to know him. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE U. S. FIGHTING MAN 1. I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense. Thank You Joe for your sacrifices Posted by Don Hedgecock - Udell, IA - Grand Son in Law January 05, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Beverly know that I am thinking of you and sorry to hear of your father's passing! I remember Donald always enjoyed going to the farm and visiting with your father and grandfather to buy their sheep. I know you have lots of fond memories of him and that will be a blessing for you in the days and years to come. Prayers with Love, a friend LaVonne. Posted by LaVonne Bolin - West Des Moines, IA - Friend of Beverly Babbitt January 05, 2015

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## Media

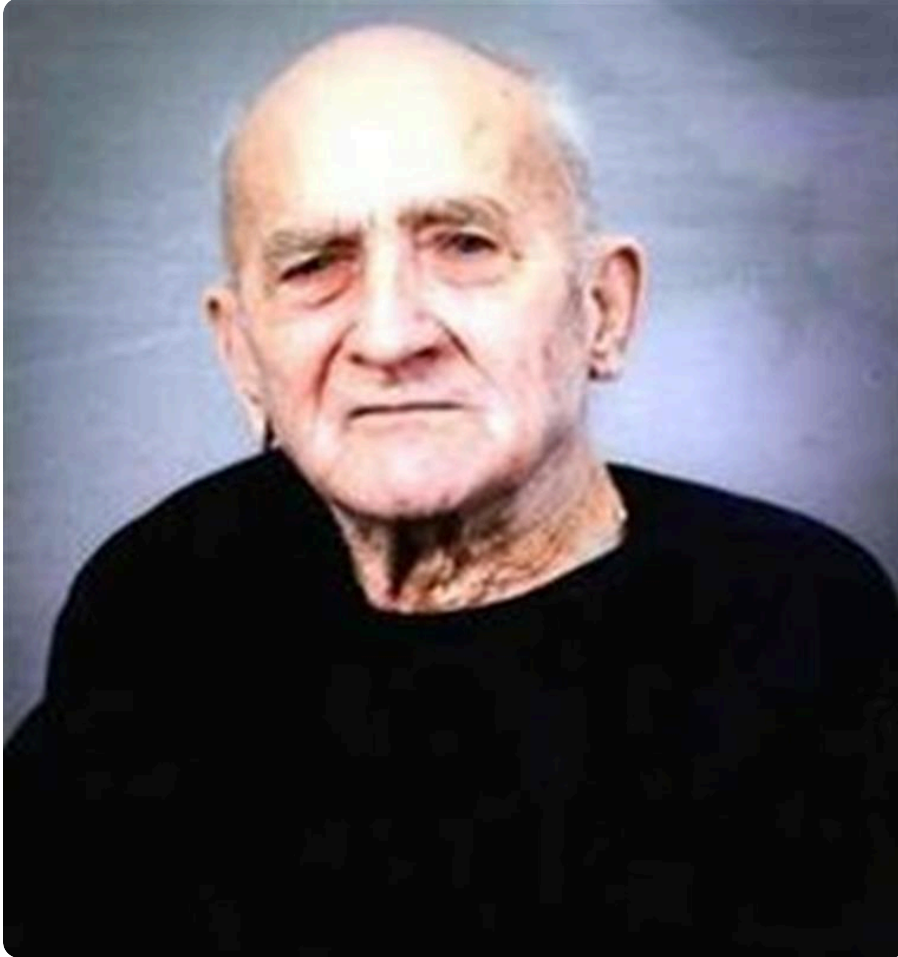
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