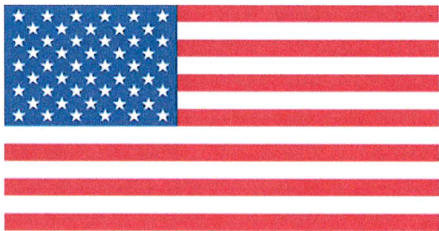
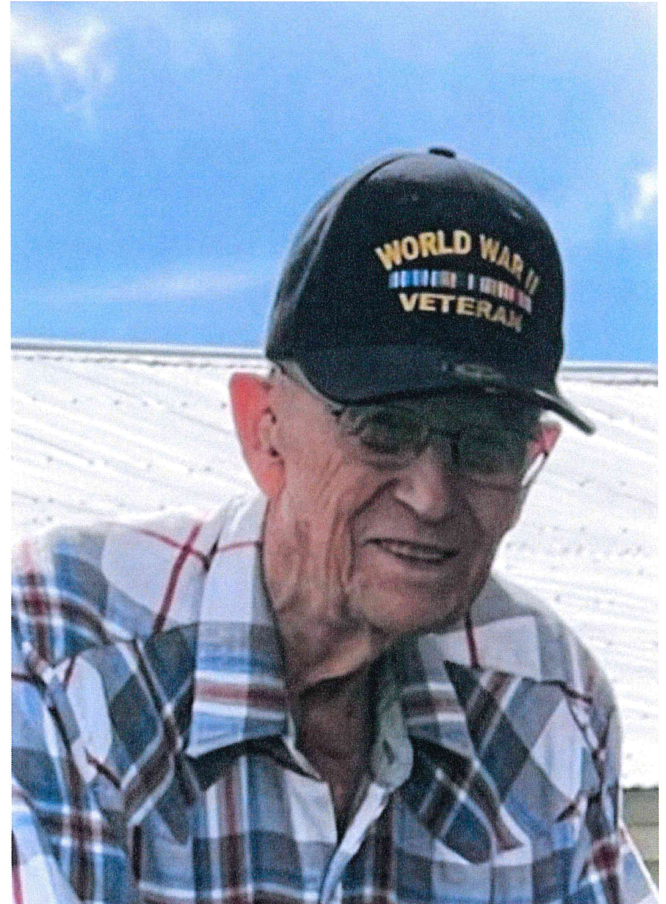


**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
JOHN E. ORTON**



**MAY 2, 1927
DECEMBER 21, 2023**

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*

John Edgar Orton was born May 2, 1927, at Ireton, Iowa, as the son of John Alexander and Marie Christine (Swanson) Orton. He attended country school near McNally, Iowa through the 8th grade. John was inducted into the Army Air Force on September 25, 1945. He served with the 305th Fighter Control Squadron and was a radar operator in Okinawa during his military service. He was honorably discharged August 5, 1946.

John married Marilyn Lambertson on October 7, 1950, at the Ireton United Methodist Church. The couple began their life together in Hawarden, Iowa and then they moved to a farm southeast of Hawarden. John retired from active farming in 2009. They continued to live on the farm until just recently moving to Mica Hill Estates Assisted Living in Hawarden.

John and Marilyn loved to dance together, dancing polkas and waltzes, and as John once said, "We danced anywhere that had a good dance floor". John loved to restore old tractors and enjoyed bowling. He was a member of the Hawarden United Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the Eagles Aerie #1865 of Hawarden. John died on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Hillcrest Health Care Services at the age of 96.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Marilyn; 4 children, Dennis Orton of Mead, Colorado, Lynn (Ralph) Allbee of Eldora, Iowa, Dawn (Al) Malone of Worthington, Ohio, and Keaven (Trish Kunkel) Orton of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 4 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and 3 step great-grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marie; infant son, Steven; mother-in-law, Dora Lambertson; 3 sisters; 2 sisters-in-law; and 5 brothers-in-law.