

Donald V. Gushee

Donald V. Gushee was born on March 22, 1926, to Ernest Ray and Grace Gushee at Oelwein, Iowa. He graduated from Winthrop High School and then served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was united in marriage to Juanita Heiserman on June 17, 1945, at Lamont.

Don worked for Aurora Limestone for eight years, the Aurora Elevator for 19 years and was a State of Iowa Grain Warehouse Investigator for 15 years, retiring in 1988.

Don served as a member of the Aurora Fire Department for 57 years and was instrumental in many progressive changes of the department. He helped build one of the first motorized fire trucks for the department. At the time of his death he was second assistant chief of the department. He was a member of the Iowa Firemen's Association and the Buchanan County Firemen's Association.

He was a member of the Aurora United Methodist Church for more than 50 years and the Aurora American Legion Post 435 for 58 years. He had previously served on the Aurora City Council and the Aurora Community Club.

Those who cherish Don's memory include one son, Arlinn (Pam) Gushee of Ankeny; four daughters, Donita (Rich) Clifton of North Mankato, Minn., Bonita (Mike) Estling of Lamont, LeLoie (Jerry) Dutemple of Prole, and Jeanne (Ron) Luckeroth of Oelwein; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson; two sisters, Darlene (Jim) Kivell of Aurora and Mardella Miller of Lodi, Calif.; and a brother-in-law, Vernon Carson of Quasqueton.

The Aurora community will remember Donald V. Gushee.