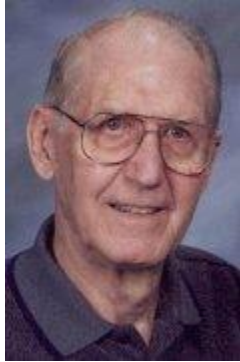


Edsel R. McMickle (1925 – 2013)



Edsel Roy McMickle was born on December 17, 1925 to John L. and Louie Wymore McMickle in North English, Iowa. Edsel proudly served in the US Navy during WWII. Edsel was a career firefighter of 40 years. He was appointed as Cedar Rapids Fire Chief in 1971. He retired in March of 1991. He was married to Virginia Brown; they later divorced. He was united in marriage to Barbara Eastland on January 7, 1989 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Edsel was a member at First Lutheran Church, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Iowa Fire Chiefs Association, Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs, and the American Legion. He loved radios, fixing anything, golfing, and following the stock market, but most of all he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Virnette (Bruce) Hamilton of New Milford, CT and Allen (Caroline) McMickle of South Fallsburg, NY; brother, Elbert (Phyllis) McMickle of Cedar Rapids; 4 grandchildren, Elizabeth (Matthew Barrett) Hamilton, Jennifer (Brett Boskiewicz) Hamilton, Jacqueline (Graeme McGinley) Hamilton, and Celeste McMickle; and 9 great grandchildren, Fiona, Tess, Una, Harrison, Charles, Bruce, Phineas, Evelyn, and Hannah.

Edsel was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and 3 sisters.