

## **Rich & LaVonne McCarty**

### **Presented by Kelly McCarty at Cemetery Walk**

#### **Rich McCarty**

Rich was born on a farm near Sanborn, Iowa, on July 30, 1923, to Lionel and Mary McCarty. Rich had 15 brothers and sisters.

He attended Hartley schools until he enlisted in the USMC during WWII. He served in the South Pacific. Rich, like many others, was very proud of his service for his country and that part of his life was always very important to him.

He married LaVonne Newel on September 28, 1946.

Rich worked for the Postal Service for 35 years – 8 as the Hartley Postmaster and 27 years as a rural route carrier.

Rich also enjoyed farming with his brother Leroy on the family farm east of Hartley for many years.

Rich was a member of the American Legion, very active with their Bingo Night, active in the Knights of Columbus, and served on the City Council. When he wasn't farming or attending his sons' activities, he refereed basketball games with Bob O'Brien and Earl Norton.

Rich and LaVonne had four sons: Richard, Lee, Kelly, and Kim. They encouraged the boys to work hard and do their best every day.

Rich passed away on May 18, 1987.

#### **LaVonne (Newel) McCarty**

LaVonne was born in Fenton, Iowa, on November 15, 1924 to Charles and Ella Newel. LaVonne had two brothers.

LaVonne attended Fenton schools and then went to UNI (Iowa Teachers College) and received her 2 year teaching degree and got her first job in the Hartley school system. She later obtained her 4-

year degree from Northwestern College in Orange City in elementary education. She taught school in Hartley for 29 ½ years.

LaVonne was very active in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the choir, Altar Society, and served as a lector. Her faith was important to her.

LaVonne was also active in the Legion Auxiliary, Friday Club, Red Hats, and played a lot of bridge.

She enjoyed all the activities of her 4 sons, was active in her 12 grandchildren's lives and gave unconditional support and love to all of us for many years.

LaVonne passed away on January 1, 2011.